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On Berkshire Power Plant...

Council Meeting Turns Ugly As Vote On Referendum Stalled

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Unless Mayor Christopher C. Johnson changes his mind, efforts by power plant opponents to place a non-binding question on the November ballot have failed.

Last week, Johnson issued a statement saying if the Town Council approved the order to place a ballot question relative to Berkshire Power on the ballot, he would take no action to approve or disapprove the order.

A parliamentary move by three councilors at Monday night's (September 18th) Town Council meeting put off the vote on the ballot question until the October 2nd meeting.

Even if the council were to approve the question at its next meeting, the state deadline for making the November 7th ballot will not be met if Johnson does not approve the order by October 3rd. Under the town charter, if the Mayor takes no action on a council order, the order is "deemed approved" after 10 days. However, that will be too late for a ballot question this fall.

After hearing several opponents of the proposed power plant urge them to put a non-binding question before the voters this fall, the council voted 6-3 to consider Jill Simpson's amended version of the question.

The amended version of the ballot question reads, "Do you support the construction of a 250 megawatt power plant on industrial land in the town of Agawam?" There will be no more debate on the issue when it comes before the council on October 2nd.

Voting in favor were Councilors David Skolnick, Gary Suffriti, Council President Nancy Thompson, Edward Caba, Thomas Ennis, and Jill Simpson. Voting against were James Taylor, Council Vice-President Robert Danie, and George Bitzas.

Before the final vote was taken, Danie entered a charter objection which was then joined by Taylor and Ms. Thompson. When three councilors join in a charter objection, all debate on an issue stops and the vote is postponed until the next regular council meeting.

With about 30 power plant opponents jeering and booing, Danie said he wanted to put off a vote until the full council was present.

Councilor Vivian Dziardziel was absent, and Councilor Walter Balboni had been forced to excuse himself from the meeting before the vote could be taken.

Danie said it was no secret both Balboni and Mrs. Dziardziel were opposed to placing a ques-

tion on the ballot. "Hopefully, this will come to a vote when they can be here," Danie said.

Ms. Thompson joined the charter objection because all 11 councilors should be present for the vote. "All of us should be voting on this," Ms. Thompson said.

"Embarrassed To Sit On The Council..."

Criticizing the move to charter object, Caba said he was "embarrassed to sit on the council with these people who have showed their true colors tonight."

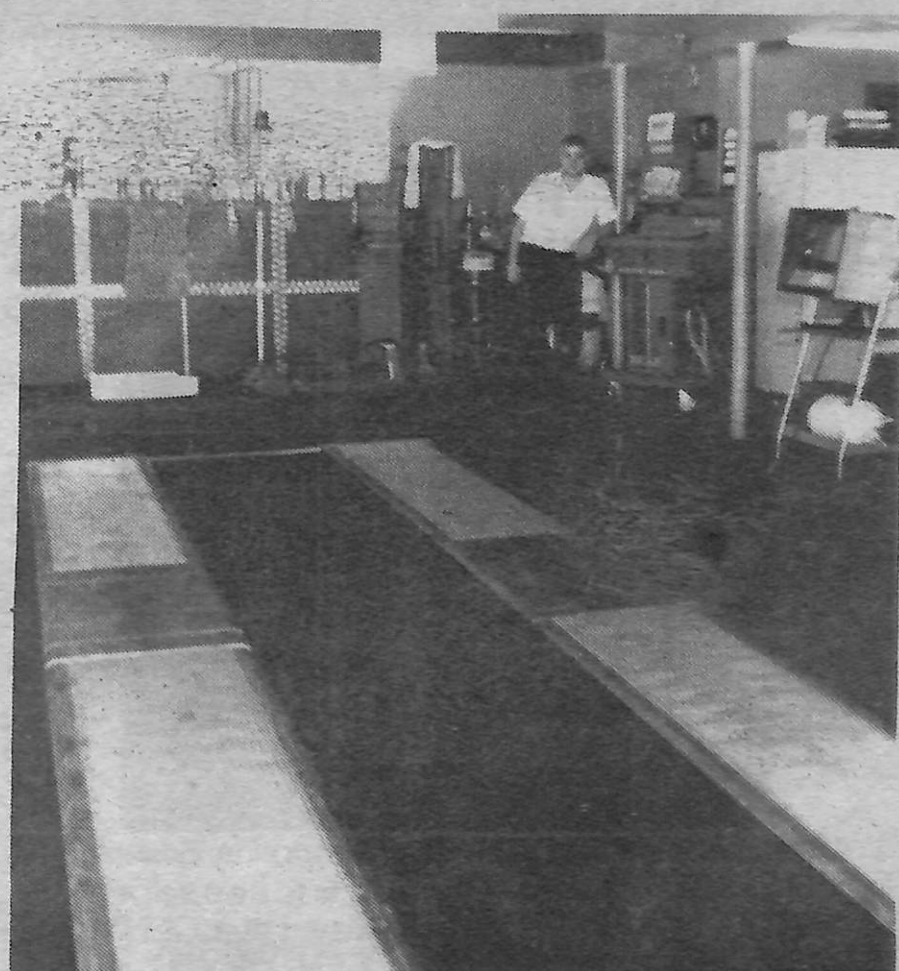
Caba said he would never deprive the right of any citizen to place a question on the ballot.

Taylor said, "I do not feel this should be placed on the ballot at the hands of the City Council, but by the hands of the people who collected the signatures."

Frustrated after a four-month battle to place the question on the ballot, resident Kenneth Forni, spokesman for the power plant opposition, said, "This is Agawam politics at its best."

SEE UGLY MEETING - Page 2...

V&F Auto First In Area To Get New Inspection Machine



FRANK PALANGE, owner of V & F Auto Service and Parts Inc. at 443 Springfield Street, Agawam, tests out the latest computerized state inspection machine on the market. V & F is the first state inspection station in Western New England to have the new equipment. All state inspection stations will need to have this machine on line by approximately May 1st to continue to conduct vehicle inspections. In the left photo, Frank studies the computer screen; in the right photo, those two long silver strips are part of the computerized brake tester which is crucial to this new system. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

UGLY MEETING - from Page 1...

Forni charged that some councilors would "go to any lengths to keep the question off the ballot. The thing to ask is, 'Why does this have to stay off the ballot?'"

Forni said he changed his mind about submitting the 2,039 signatures his group has collected to the City Council and informed each councilor the list would be made available for their inspection one half-hour before the start of Monday night's meeting.

Forni said he wanted to protect the privacy of the people who had signed the petition, especially during a political campaign, and it would be prudent to wait for a more appropriate time to release copies of the signatures. Forni said the petitions might be used to force a special election.

Bitzas said he was disappointed and shocked that power plant opponents had failed to keep their word by submitting the signatures to the council, and dismissed the notion that the councilors would have used the signatures for campaign purposes.

"That's absolutely ridiculous," Bitzas said. "We have signatures before us all the time."

Ms. Thompson agreed that the petitions would not have been used in any way during the campaign. "What do they think I am? A mafioso?" Ms. Thompson asked.

Stieg's Committee Slates Meeting For Tues., Sept. 26th

The committee to elect Karl Stieg needs your support. It is time for a change in Agawam.

There is an organizational meeting at the Agawam Police Station in the Faolin Peirce Meeting Room on Tuesday, September 26th, between the hours of 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

If you believe as the committee does that Agawam needs new leadership in the Mayor's Office and want to become more involved, then make a difference and attend this meeting.

Come and meet candidate Karl Stieg personally. He will listen to all citizens' concerns and answer any questions. All are welcome.

Check our classified pages

Taylor Announces Candidacy For Another Term On Town Council

Agawam City Councilor James D. Taylor has announced his candidacy for re-election to the council.

Taylor, a lifelong Agawam resident, said, "Serving in public office is an exciting and rewarding experience and I look forward to working with the people of Agawam as we seek to provide the best representative government possible."

During his two terms on the council, Taylor has fought for fiscal responsibility, open space preservation, and public safety. "These are issues that I hope to continue pursuing in my third term," said Taylor. He also hosted yard waste disposal workshops and the first Department of Environmental Protection composting bin distribution program in Western Massachusetts.

Taylor was elected council president in his first term and served in that capacity for two years. He was largely credited with bringing decorum to often-stormy council meetings.

In 1992, Taylor was appointed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson to the Hampden County Executive Board and the Hampden County Advisory Board. The boards are the legislative body for the county. He also serves as the chairman of the city council's committee on ordinances and is a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority's board of directors.

While council president, Taylor was instrumental in securing funding for the new Agawam Fire Headquarters that will replace an obsolete wooden structure on Elm Street. He is a member of that project's building committee where his experience in local government, fire fighting, real estate, and construction will be invaluable.

During his first year on the council, Taylor served as chairman of the Route 57 committee. Phase



TOWN COUNCILOR JAMES D. TAYLOR

I of that project is scheduled for completion this fall.

A licensed real estate broker for 17 years, Taylor is the owner and general manager of the real estate investment firm of Taylor Property Services. He is also a licensed construction supervisor.

A graduate of the Agawam Public School System, Taylor earned his degree with high honors from Springfield Technical Community College. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Scholastic Honor Society and was included in the 18th annual edition of *The National Dean's List*. He is currently pursuing a public administration degree at the University of Massachusetts.

Taylor is married to the former Cindy Sanford and has two children in Agawam Public Schools.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 28, 1995 at 6:50 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this

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hearing is to hear the petition of Russo for work to be performed off of South Street (Keller Estates), subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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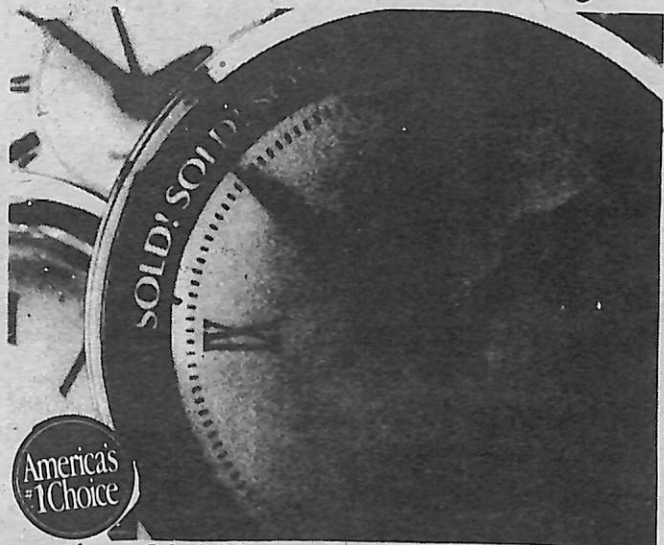
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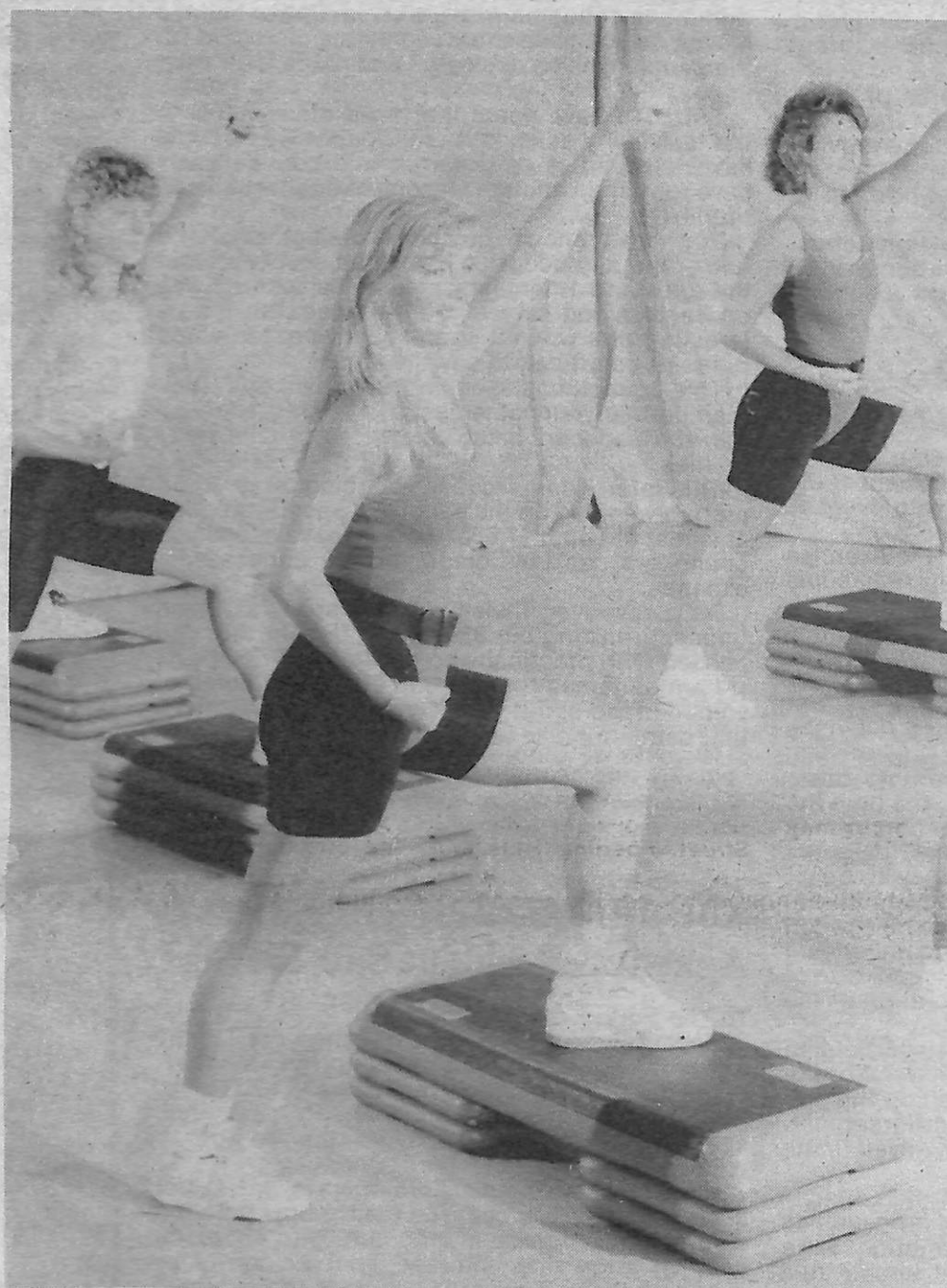
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Stanley Cleaners Thanked For Cleaning Flag At School

To The Editor:

The administration and staff of Agawam Junior High would like to thank the owners, managers, and staff of the Stanley Cleaners in Feeding Hills for their generous offer to clean our Library American Flag.

It is through the continued efforts of local businesses like Stanley Cleaners that the Agawam School System has been able to provide a quality education to our students.

Please support these businesses who help to support your children.

Agawam Jr. High School
Administration & Staff

Mayor Being Creative On His Powers Of The Veto

To The Editor:

I think the Mayor will be doing some creative analysis of the town charter and the powers of the mayor concerning his power of the veto over the City Council.

The Mayor believes he has the right to exercise an "item" veto over portions of any measures passed by the council. That conclusion is without precedent in Massachusetts. (Governor Weld has an "item" veto only by reason of an amendment to the state constitution specifically authorizing it and then only with respect to money items in a budget and not to all measures passed by the state legislature.)

I believe the Mayor has absolutely no basis whatsoever to exercise a veto during the time the council is considering a matter. The opportunity for the Mayor to exercise a veto simply does not occur until the final vote of the council to adopt something is placed before him in writing. That is evident from the simple words in the town charter.

In my opinion, the council president should never allow the Mayor to make an (alleged) veto of an item during the council's consideration of the budget.

It is one thing to permit the Mayor to participate in the council's discussion (and then only for the sole purpose of providing information on the proposed budget). But it is an entirely different matter to permit the Mayor to become involved in the legislative process itself.

The Mayor is, at best, a "guest of the council" and has no right to participate in its proceedings (beyond providing "back-up" information on a budget item). The council president should rule the Mayor's remarks out of order and go on with the meeting.

The Mayor shall not make a veto until after the vote of a council has prevailed.

Simply, can the Mayor veto an item before a vote is taken? NO. Obviously, the Mayor cannot VETO an initiative petition or referendum until after the people have voted for the issue at hand.

Sincerely,
Valentine R. Moreno
Agawam

Six Town Councilors Turn Their Backs On Agawam

To The Editor:

I am prefacing my remarks to the six councilors who have turned their backs on the people of this town, the very same people they have sworn to represent. One has to wonder just who they represent, the people or Berkshire Power.

It is obvious that you fail to recognize the forest from the trees. This issue is no longer about Berkshire Power, it is not about the wording of the referendum question. It is about depriving the people of their right to vote and voice their opinion by referendum. A provision provided for in the Town Charter and the Constitution, a principle that wars have been fought over.

It certainly appears that you councilors are working in collusion with Berkshire Power and the Mayor, as you have shown complete disregard for the people who have elected and place their trust in you.

TRUST: I have heard that word many times in the last few weeks. Is it any wonder why people have a mistrust of government? You certainly have furnished enough reasons to support this attitude.

You have shown complete disregard of the rules on many occasions, such as suspension of the rules and emergency preambles, when it was convenient and served your purpose. But it's interesting that when it wasn't, you want to uphold rules. Hypocritical, to say the least.

This council has spent more time on this issue than probably any other issue in the last six months, the sad part being that most of it is petty politics.

This referendum issue is not going away. It will probably end up on the ballot in a special election at a cost of about \$7,500 to the taxpayers, and you councilors can take credit for this unnecessary expense.

As a taxpayer, I wish you had spent as much time scrutinizing our \$39 million budget that you passed with practically no debate.

I am ashamed to say that I supported some of you councilors, but be assured that I won't make that same mistake again.

Peter Longo
236 Adams Street
Agawam

Town Council Meeting Leaves Agawam Resident Sad & Angry

To The Editor:

Anyone who attended or watched on TV the Agawam Town Council meeting on Monday, September 18th, probably felt both sad and angry. For the third time, some members of this council again denied the citizens of Agawam the right to vote on a power plant.

Watching these councilors operate was rather scary because you begin to realize how dictatorship starts. It can be in a country with a general with an army that enforces what he wants by silencing the voices of the people in that country. It can also be in a town with a mayor with a council that enforces what he wants by silencing the voices of the people in that town. Your vote is your voice.

The mayor and some members of the council have stated, "It would set a dangerous precedent to let the people of Agawam vote on what business could go on industrial land." A dangerous precedent really is when a mayor and a majority of the council favor a bunch of con ar-

tists from Boston, selling a rotten power plant over the well-being of this town and all the people in it.

I read a line that had a lot of truth in it. It read, "People do to you what you let them do." You can let the mayor, some members of the Town Council, and the scam artists from Boston take away a million-and-a-half gallons of your drinking water, fill the air you breathe with chemicals, or you can refuse to let them do it to you.

You will not be able to vote on a power plant on November 7th. You will, however, be able to vote on the people who have denied you the vote on the power plant.

Sincerely,
Mary Ghedi
Agawam

Charter Objections Deliberate Attempt To Derail Democracy

To The Editor:

I am compelled to respond to Monday's Town Council meeting regarding the use of the Charter Objection. After the meeting, I was inundated with questions from residents asking me what this Charter Objection means.

Let me begin by explaining what the Charter Objection was designed to do. Items to be voted on at each Town Council meeting are to be submitted to the Council Clerk's office before noon on the Thursday before the regular Monday Council meeting to be included on the agenda. This agenda and related items are then sent to each Councilor for review before the meeting. If council members are not familiar with an issue on the agenda and need more time to research the issue, a "Charter Objection" can be called to allow more time for councilors to research a new issue.

For the past several months, our community and Town Councilors have been dealing with the issue of Berkshire Power and the proposed ballot question. I feel that the use of the "Charter Objection" during Monday's meeting was a deliberate attempt to derail the democratic process.

In this instance, the "Charter Objection" was used as an orchestrated delaying tactic rather than the education and information gathering tool, as it was intended.

Abe Kasparian, Jr.
Candidate for Agawam Town Council
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Monday, September 25th
Ag./Feeding Hills AARP Chapter mtg.
At Agawam Senior Center
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Monday, September 25th
Agawam Women's Club
At Captain Charles Leonard House
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covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m.,
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Wednesday, October 4th
Agawam Community Artists mtg.
At Captain Charles Leonard House
7:00 p.m.
(Meetings are open to the public)

Friday, October 6th
Performance by The Springfield
Chordsmen, a barbershop chorus,
in the Community Room at the
Agawam Public Library
(sponsored by Ag. Cultural Council)
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Stacy Family Grateful For Support Of Community

To The Editor:

The Stacy family would like to thank our many friends, clients, and associates for your thoughtfulness and prayers in our time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
The Family Of Patricia A. Stacy

Mayor Candidate Discusses Issues In School Department

In a press release issued this week, Agawam mayoral candidate Karl Stieg stated:

"If elected mayor, I would relinquish my position as Chairman and acting voting member of the School Committee. By law, the mayor is automatically the de facto head of the Board of Education. That should be power enough for any mayor.

"The School Committee must have independence from the executive branch of government. Without independent discussion on school issues, Committee members may feel intimidated by the mayor's presence and react in ways that are pleasing to the mayor, rather than what is best for the education of our children.

"Remember, after the Town Council approves the budget, only the mayor can make changes. If the mayor has the power to change the final budget after Town Council approval, then it shouldn't be necessary for him to help frame the budget.

"After the damage was done with this year's school budget (i.e., no late school buses, bad budget cuts, athletic department cuts, supplies frozen, etc.), the mayor approached the Town Council and was able to get approval for a large transfer of funds to the school budget.

"As a parent, it upsets me that we can never recapture the lost opportunities that our children experienced because of deliberate underfunding," concluded Stieg.

Western Mass. Electric Latest Group Interested In Power Plant Here

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Berkshire Power may not be the only company interested in siting an electric generating plant in Agawam's industrial zone.

In documents filed last week with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB), Berkshire Power is fighting a move from their future competition to intervene in the permitting process for their proposed power plant.

Among other reasons, Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) is seeking to participate in the EFSB hearings, claiming the construction of BP's generating plant "on a site adjacent to WMECO's property may preclude the construction of a second generating unit in the vicinity, on WMECO property..."

WMECO holds 130 acres between Country Estates Nursing Home and the site proposed for the BP power plant.

In opposing WMECO's petition to intervene, Berkshire Power maintains it is "nothing more than a thinly-veiled attempt by WMECO to advance its own business interests by continuing to take any and all steps to prevent or delay the development and construction of BP's project."

In their filing, Berkshire Power charges that WMECO is attempting to "prevent a rival seller of electricity from gaining a foothold in its market."

Berkshire Power claims that the presence of its power plant in Agawam would provide a competitive option for WMECO's wholesale and retail customers.

Berkshire Power is asking that the EFSB reject

WMECO's petition to intervene, but is not challenging the petitions filed by Chez Josef, Inc.; Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam; Country Estates of Agawam; C.A. and F.J. Lawlor of Agawam; Springfield Corrugated Box, Inc.; and Standard Uniform Services.

BP Also Wants Petition To Be Denied

Berkshire Power is also asking that a petition to intervene filed by Baystate Gas Company be denied. According to Berkshire Power, the gas company is trying to use the permitting process for the purpose of economic protectionism and to impede BP's ability to use the competitive market for gas to provide a least-cost electrical generating facility.

BP spokesman Kevin O'Reilly said, "Baystate Gas is interested in selling us gas rather than having us get it from Tennessee Gas."

O'Reilly said the EFSB can grant intervenor status to individuals and organizations who can demonstrate that they could have some substantial impact from the plant.

In the court-like proceedings of the EFSB, both Berkshire Power and the intervenors have the ability to cross-examine witnesses and ask for documentation to back up their testimony.

The EFSB is also being asked to grant interested person status to C.M.F. Engineering, Inc.; Connecticut River Watershed Council, Inc.; Energy Management, Inc.; and Trout Unlimited, Pioneer Valley Chapter No. 276.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, 1995, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of CAROL WHITEHEAD who is seeking a Variance in accordance with Section 180-25, Paragraph A of

the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a porch with less than the required setback at the premises identified as 39 HENRY STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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Agawam Police Arrest Blotter

September 11th To September 19th

On Tuesday, September 12th, **Jose Cruz**, 27, of 584 Summer Street, Holyoke, was arrested for a violation of a protective order.

On Tuesday, September 12th, **Michael Anthony Eaton**, 42, of 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor.

On Tuesday, September 12th, **Gregory K. Bascom**, 17, of 49 Maple Street, Somers, Connecticut, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and for state highway-marked lanes violation.

On Wednesday, September 13th, **Atala Y. Bynum**, 21, of 148 Rifle Street, Springfield, was arrested for bail or recognizance violation.

On Wednesday, September 13th, **Frank A. Vicente**, 20, of 132 Garfield Street, Springfield, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle without a license; operating under the influence of liquor; and for state highway-marked lanes violation.

On Saturday, September 16th, **Ronhui M. Griffin**, 17, of 68 Kelso Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor; larceny of property of \$250 or less; concealing ID of number plate; and for being a minor transporting/carrying an alcoholic beverage.

On Sunday, September 17th, **James Andrew O'Neil, III**, 20, of 7 Pine Ridge Drive, Westfield, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor.

On Tuesday, September 18th, **Christopher P. Girard**, 18, of 197 Spikennard Circle, Springfield, was arrested for illegal possession of a Class D substance; for being a minor transporting/carrying an alcoholic beverage.

On Tuesday, September 19th, **Brian P. Morrissey**, 20, of 54 Starling Road, Springfield, was arrested for illegal possession of a Class D substance.

FROM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, THREE ARRESTS OF JUVENILES WERE REPORTED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOG.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, 1995, at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of the COMMUNITY SHOPS which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-88 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the retention of a sign at the premises identified as 1325 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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For copies of his photos in this edition, call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Two Police Officers Academy Graduates



THE WESTERN MASS. POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATED two police officers at ceremonies at the Agawam Junior High on Friday, September 15th. The officers, John Kunasek and Tony Cichetti, are pictured with Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell (left) and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MassPike Fiber Optic Contract Aids Melconian Committee Efforts

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, has announced this week that the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority has entered into a \$6.1 million contract with SES CO., INC. for the furnishing and installation of fiber optic transmission equipment along the turnpike corridor from Westfield to Boston.

"Installation of the fiber optic equipment is the final element that needs to be in place for Western Massachusetts to directly benefit from expanded access to this cutting edge technology," said Senator Melconian.

She continued, "State educational institutions like Springfield Technical Community College, Holyoke Community College, Westfield State College, and UMASS Amherst are well-positioned to take full advantage of the endless world of innovative possibilities opened up by the MassPike agreement. We are providing the building blocks to develop projects that will fuel an economic renaissance in Western Massachusetts."

Upgrading the state's fiber optic infrastructure complements Senator Melconian's ongoing campaign to capitalize on Springfield's high-tech assets. Several companies have expressed an in-

terest in locating their operations at the Massachusetts Center for Telecommunications and Information Technology, located on the former Digital Equipment site.

Computer hardware and software firms, cable television companies, and telecommunication firms are attracted to the Telecommunications Center and its proximity to Brooks Fiber. Recently, Brooks Fiber announced its plans to offer local telephone service in competition with NYNEX and locate its Central office and switching equipment at the Telecommunications Center.

The fiber optic contract is the latest step in an ongoing effort to implement an agreement signed by MassPike and the Commonwealth, which would allow public sector institutions such as libraries, town halls, courthouses, and police and fire stations, to use MassPike's state-of-the-art fiber optic telecommunications network at no cost.

MassPike's fiber optic network, called the "Information Turnpike," is expected to be fully operational in early 1996. It will provide clearer, nearly error-free transmission, making it preferable to traditional copper wire or satellite transmissions.

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What Your State Rep. Has Been Up To

What does your State Representative do? During my first nine months in office, the House of Representatives has had in excess of 220 roll calls for which I have a 100 percent voting record. But I have been committed to spending my time on more than just voting on legislation. I have devoted my time to many other responsibilities to serve the residents of the Third Hampden District.

My legislative work helped in the complete overhaul of our state's welfare system. Additionally, the House of Representatives completed, at the earliest date in 22 years, a budget which included continued support of our state's commitment to Education Reform and Local Aid Distributions.

My committee work also takes a great deal of time and dedication. As a member of the Committees on Taxation and Insurance, I have been involved in shaping legislation such as the Bank Tax Reform Bill, an Administrative Tax Bill to simplify dealing with the Department of Revenue. I am currently working on a Corporation Taxation Reform Bill which could reduce the amount of tax that exporting corporations pay in Massachusetts. I believe that all these measures serve as a continuing effort to bring more jobs to Massachusetts.

Constituent casework is also a major component of my work as a State Representative. I believe that serving the needs of the residents of the Third Hampden District is the most important function that I have as State Representative. The bureaucracy of state government can be quite difficult to encounter. I act as intermediary between state agencies and citizens to help people cut through red tape that can often be intimidating and confusing.

Another way to serve the needs of the communities I represent is to act as an advocate for funding of local projects. For example, I successfully included in the Open Space Bond Bill funding for the Town of Agawam to acquire the Hall Property adjacent to Perry Lane Park. Most recently, I have submitted to the appropriate agencies strong letters of affirmation supporting grant applications for community policing and the expansion of the Agawam Senior Center.

As the Representative of the Third Hampden District, I am totally committed to working closely with local officials to secure funding for capital projects, infrastructure improvements, and expansion of vital local services such as education and public safety. I encourage the municipal departments, councils, boards, and commissions to use my office as a resource as they navigate their way through the maze of state offices and procedures. I am confident that working together we will obtain available funding.

My overall responsibility to the people I serve and to the Commonwealth is to do what I can to promote a healthy economy - a growing economy that creates jobs for our citizens and financial opportunities for new and expanding businesses. This, in turn, broadens our tax base which enables us to support the programs and projects designed to enhance our communities.

I look forward to hearing your comments and concerns. As always, I can be reached at my district office at 549 Springfield Street, Agawam (786-4545).

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Looking Back...

by David Gallano
Agawam Historian



SEPTEMBER 1974

SEPTEMBER 27th - TAX RATE JUMPS \$6 to \$46

Three basic factors influenced the setting of this year's tax rate at an increase of \$6. The biggest chunk of the increase came as a result of additional funds being billed the town in the form of county taxes for the next 12 months. The increase of an additional sum of \$243,423 represented more than a 200 percent increase. That figure alone represented \$3 on the new rate.

Where the town had paid last year a total of \$40,000 for support of state recreational areas, this year it must pay over \$90,000. The third factor was the laying out of some \$285,000 for the equivalent of two months for teachers' salaries. Assessor Rudy Altobelli stated that this year's tax rate is the "highest jump since revaluation six years ago."

SEPTEMBER 28th - VNA EXPANDS SERVICES TO INCLUDE AGAWAM

The Visiting Nurse Association is expanding its

programs to include this town, which will result in a substantial increase in home health care services, according to Mrs. Alexine Janiszewski, executive director.

In addition to nursing services, other new services, previously 1974 - unavailable and now to be provided through the VNA, are physical therapy and home health aide services.

The VNA staff of registered professional nurses and physical therapists provide treatment in patients' homes. Special emphasis is given to patients recently discharged from hospitals and where institutionalization can be avoided.

SEPTEMBER 30th - POLICE CAPTURE AGAWAM YOUTH IN WILD CHASE

A 16-year-old Agawam youth in a stolen car led police on a chase through three communities before crashing into a cruiser shortly after 1:00 a.m. today on Little River Road. A total of nine cruisers was involved in the pursuit.

Westfield police said the youth stole a car in Springfield and drove to West Springfield, followed by four cruisers. Springfield authorities said that the youth hit a car as it was exiting from Rte. 91 in West Springfield.

Bottled in by cruisers from Springfield, West Springfield, Agawam, and Westfield, the juvenile crashed into a Springfield cruiser, ending the chase.

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Agawam Obituaries

Louis D. Draghetti

Louis D. Draghetti, 69, of 93 Senator Ave., Agawam, a long-time inspector of weights and measures for the city of Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Agawam, he was a lifelong resident here and a graduate of Agawam High School. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was recalled into the Navy during the Korean Conflict, serving aboard the USS Worcester and the USS Tripoli.

He was a member of the Navy Armed Guards Veterans of Western Massachusetts. He also belonged to the Agawam Veterans of Foreign Wars, UNICO, the American Legion of Agawam, and the Polish American Club.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Weights and Measures Association, editor of its newsletter for 17 years, served as vice-chairman of the National Conference on Weights and Measures, and was vice-chairman of the 14-state Northeastern Weights and Measures Association.

He was the first chairman of the town of Agawam Department Heads Association and was town Cable TV Liaison Office and Energy Coordinator.

He also served as ombudsman for the town of Agawam and was a member of the credit committee for the town of Agawam Employee's Credit Union.

He leaves his wife, the former Celein Fenney; a brother, George of Feeding Hills; and two sisters, Alice Smith of Feeding Hills and Patricia Jones of Whitehall, Michigan.

The funeral was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Paul T. Haring

Paul T. Haring, Jr., 72, of 125 Cypress View Drive, Naples, Florida, a 30-year employee and senior vice president of the James C. Haberman Insurance Agency of Springfield, died at Baystate Medical Center.

Previously he was employed by the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co. and later as a branch manager for Aetna Life Insurance Co.

Born in Springfield, he divided his time between Florida and Agawam for the past few years. Prior to that, he was a longtime resident of Longmeadow.

He was a graduate of the former Classical High School class of 1942½ and of Mount St. Mary College cum laude, Emmitsburg, Md.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he served on PT boats in the Pacific Theatre as a motor machinist mate first class. He was awarded the bronze star and purple heart.

He was a founding member of the Twin Hills Golf Club and had been an avid 10 pin bowler in several area leagues.

He leaves his wife, the former Geraldine M. Palmer; three daughters, Linda Jean Haring of Framingham, Susan D. Faber of Longmeadow, Tracey H. Anderson of Durham, North Carolina; a stepdaughter, Donna Palmer of Agawam; two stepsons, James Palmer of Dover, New Hampshire, and Mark Palmer of Cranston, Rhode Island; nine grandchildren; and his former wife, Barbara M. Miller Haring of Springfield.

A memorial service was held at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., 755 Worthington St., Springfield 01105.

Marion R. Ramah

Marion R. "Mya" (Bonemery) Ramah, 73, of 145 Senator Avenue, Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born and schooled in Holyoke, she attended Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College.

She settled in Agawam in 1948, and was a communicant of St. Anthony's Maronite Church in Springfield.

She leaves her husband of 49 years, Victor P. Ramah; three sons, Russell L. and Victor J. "Bud" of Southwick, and James C. of Chicopee; two sisters, Margaret Rhode and Helen Quagliini of Feeding Hills; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church renovation fund at 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118.

Randy R. Bonavita

Randy R. Bonavita, 37, of 63 River Road, Agawam, a gemologist for Hannoush Jewelers in Enfield for five years, died at home.

Born in Springfield, he lived here for the past 14 years. He was a 1976 graduate of West Springfield High School and also attended Holyoke Community College and North Adams State College.

He was a member of the Dante Club in West Springfield and was active on a local softball league. He leaves his wife, Karen L. Fitzgerald; his parents, Victor "Bobby" Bonavita of Agawam and Dolores (Anyon) Bonavita of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Darlene Sobczyk of Southwick and Robin Morris of Feeding Hills; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home of Agawam and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital Donation Department, 516 Carew St., Springfield 01104.

Leonard P. Rising

Leonard P. Rising, 83, of 942 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, a former town official and the supervisor of the Wilbraham schools' lunch program for many years, died at Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He retired in 1981.

He had been the longtime owner and operator of Rising Food Service. He also worked for Pillsbury Flour Mills and Fells & Co. He was a farmer in Feeding Hills for many years.

Born in Southwick, he was a longtime resident in Feeding Hills. He was a deacon of the Valley Community Church, and a member of the Mount Orthodox Masonic Lodge in West Springfield and the Melha Temple Shrine.

He was a Precinct II town meeting member for many years, and sat on the Welfare Board. He belonged to the Feeding Hills Men's Club and the Agawam Lions Club.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, the former Anita Cesan; two sons, Leonard P. "Skip" Jr. of Hollywood, Florida, and Daniel C. of Feeding Hills; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was scheduled for Thursday morning, September 21st, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 34 Chapin Terrace, Springfield, MA 01107, or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

**You turn our pages
for all the local news**

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

The Importance Of Observing Fire Lanes

How many times has it irritated you to drive to your local shopping area to find a car parked in a fire lane? The message is simple; the message is direct! "NO PARKING—FIRE LANE" means just that.

When there is a fire or related emergency, police, fire, and medical vehicles need to have proper access so that the vehicles can get close enough to the buildings for rescue, firefighting, and emergency medical duties.

The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that leaving your vehicle unattended in a fire lane may hamper emergency efforts, and simply parking your vehicle leaves you open to a fine. Remember—if you park there, others will think it is acceptable to park there ... and it isn't. It's against the law.

You may think it is silly or overkill, but then when was the last time you had to move 150 feet of fire hose around someone's car or delivery truck to put out a fire, or carry someone ill or injured to an ambulance? Every step, every foot, every car or truck in the way makes a difference in the efficiency of fire and life safety.

The Agawam Fire Department wants you to realize that these areas are important to you and your neighbor's safety. Whether at a shopping center, the post office, or office building, apartment building, or transportation loading area, when they are needed, they must be available.

Park there illegally and it may cost you a fine, towing charge, or both! More importantly, it may result in more property damage, illness, or injury.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Johnson Says His Administration Supportive Of Police Department

In a campaign statement released to the press recently, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson commented on his support of police services.

"Over the past six years, I have worked hard to improve our public safety services. Agawam is fortunate to have a top quality police department, and many dedicated and hard working police officers. While many communities were forced to lay off police officers, Agawam has avoided layoffs and maintained a top quality police department.

"The Town has been successful in obtaining state and federal grants to expand our community policing efforts. The department recently started a bicycle patrol with the help of local businesses which has sparked great enthusiasm in the department and the community. The Chief was also successful in obtaining a federal grant which will allow us to add additional manpower. The department also provides the D.A.R.E. officer to the schools, who along with the Safety Officer, assists the school department with implementation of its health and safety curriculum.

"The Town has made great strides," Johnson continued, "in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its police services through the introduction of new technology in the department. The

department recently implemented a new computer management information system which will modernize the department. The new management information system includes computer aided dispatch, electronic report writing, and statistical analysis.

"The new system will allow officers to complete routine paperwork faster and more professionally which will provide more time for service delivery to the public. The system will also provide up-to-date information to police supervisors to allow for better planning and manpower deployment in the fight against crime. The department also recently brought Enhanced 911 on line which will provide faster service in emergency situations.

"Our police department is amongst the best in the state. We are fortunate to have many well educated and dedicated police officers who provide top quality protection to our community. Over the past six years, we have avoided layoffs while improving our equipment and making our department more effective.

"I am very proud of the outstanding services provided by the men and women of our police department, and I pledge my continued support of their vital mission," concluded Johnson.

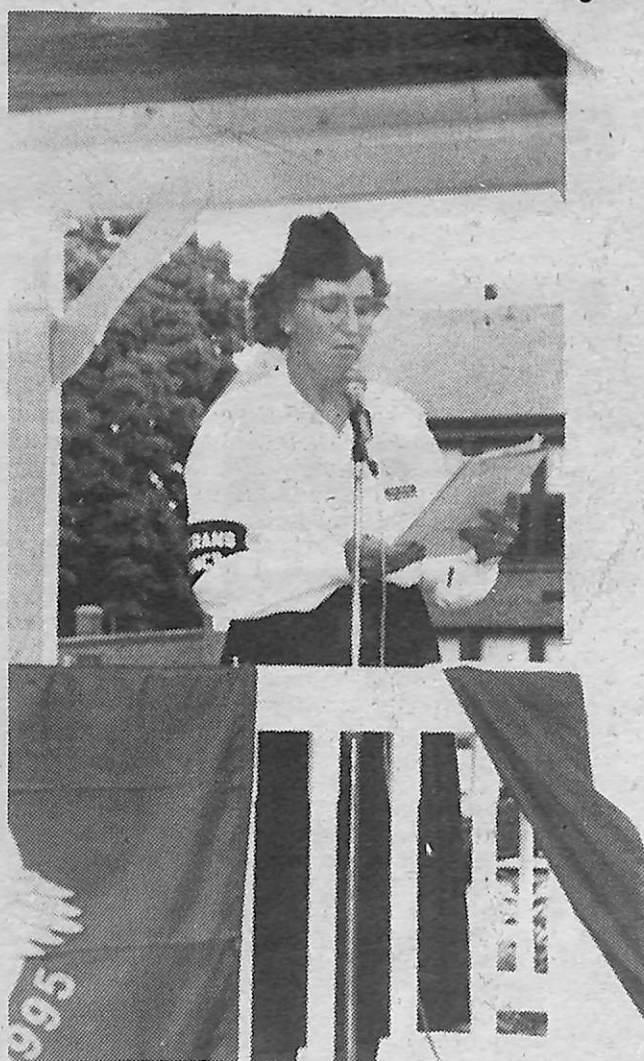
Council Candidate Langone Seeks Input From Townspeople On Issues

Joseph F. Langone, who last week announced his candidacy for the Agawam City Council, has now undertaken the first phase of his campaign.

Langone, who is a graduate of Assumption College and an instructor at the Massachusetts Career Development Institute, stated, "Every voter has an opinion on some issue. The only way a candidate can gauge the pulse of the community is to get out and meet the people. During the next month, I intend to listen to, research, and discuss the issues."

He added, "I sense a great deal of apathy amongst our citizens. We need to give them confidence that their public servants will consider their viewpoints before making decisions. My campaign will demonstrate that the 'Ivory Tower' concept of government does not apply to me."

Langone concluded, "If any of our citizens would like to give me their input on the issues, they should feel free to contact me at 786-3419."



VETERANS' AGENT RUTH BITZAS addresses a gathering at the Agawam Veterans' Green to observe the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II. **RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 5, 1995 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Oliver/Doyle Real Estate Co.

for an amendment to the Definitive Subdivision Plan for Coventry Estates concerning sidewalks.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

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Veterans Gather For 50th Anniversary Of End Of World War II

The Agawam World War II 50th Anniversary Committee sponsored a V-J Day program on the Agawam Veterans' Green on Sunday, August 27th in remembrance of the end of World War II.

The invocation was given by World War II veteran Jessie Fuller who recalled that for most veterans, the victory was bittersweet. They were happy at the thought of returning home to loved ones and yet sad at the thought of leaving their buddies.

World War II veteran Ellie Boissoneault read the World War II casualty list, followed by a tolling of the memorial bell 50 times, immediately followed by the tolling of church bells.

Local musician Libby Campa and soloist Joyce Platt did a George M. Cohen medley and sing-along with the audience joining in. The program concluded with Libby and Joyce giving background information of "God Bless America."

Berkshire Power will be hosting
an informational breakfast for
all **senior citizens** of Agawam
on **September 28th** at 8:00
a.m. at The Oaks Banquet Hall,
located at 1070 Suffield Street.
Seniors that are interested in
going should call the office of
Berkshire Power, 786-5640.

Agawam Veterans Commemorate End Of WWII

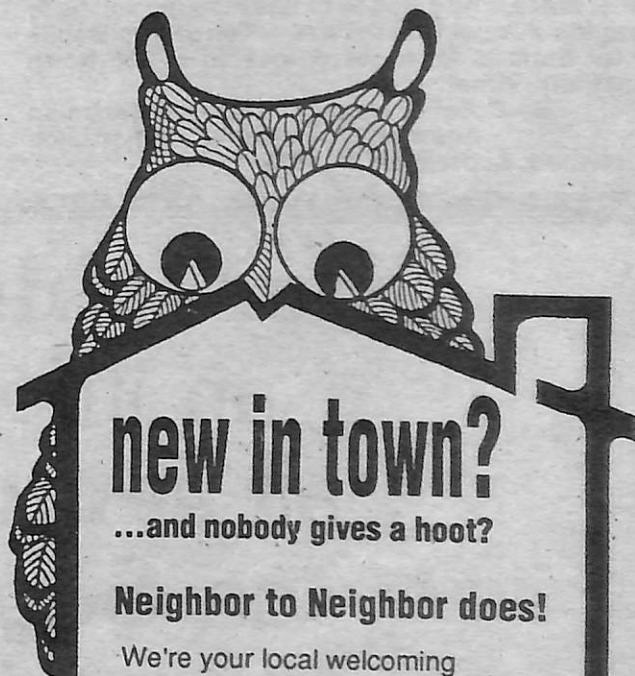


IN PHOTO LEFT, veterans from the Agawam Legion and VFW gathered at the Agawam Veterans' Green for ceremonies observing the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. From left - soloist Joyce Platt, musician Libby Campa, Veterans' Council member Jessie D. Fuller, and council Chairman Edward Kellogg. IN PHOTO RIGHT - members of the American Legion Color Guard are led by George Brown (left) and Commander Mario L'Archeveque. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



DAVID SKOLNICK, a World War II veteran and member of the Agawam Town Council, was one of the participants in the World II War observance on the Veterans' Green. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT Max Gaj picks apples from the orchards behind his Mill Street home last week. Max sells the apples (roadside) on the side lawn of his home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



APPLES, APPLES, AND MORE APPLES are being sold, roadside, once again this year by Feeding Hills resident Max Gaj. Max grows the apples in the orchards behind his home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

First Harvest Day At Heritage Hall Set For October 14th

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is holding the first annual Harvest Day Festival on Saturday, October 14th on the Heritage Hall grounds in Agawam.

There will be non-stop entertainment from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., including karate and dance demonstrations, the ABC Bell Ringers, Riverside "Friends in Harmony," and the "Younger Brothers," an acoustic rock guitar duo, and that's just the beginning!

In addition, there will be food, a health fair, a craft fair, pony rides, children's games, Forest Park's "Zoo on the Go," a Dave's Soda & Pet City exhibit, and many non-profit and civic group community booths.

Admission is free for the public. Raffle prizes include a trip to Atlantic City, New England Patriots tickets, and a Holyoke Mall gift certificate. All funds raised benefit the Heritage Hall Scholarship Fund for local students.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, call Kim George at 786-8000, ext. 217.

News & Notes From Ladies VFW Auxiliary

District 7 President Mary Driscoll of Feeding Hills announces that 24 Auxiliary members of Hampden County were represented at the two-day fall conference held recently in Milford, MA.

State President Diane Dello Iacono introduced fall Conference Chairman Kathy Clements, a past department president who (in turn) called on all state chairmen to speak on their programs.

Two Auxiliary members from District 7 spoke on their programs. Sandra McCarthy from Chicopee Auxiliary 625 spoke on safety, and Rita Shea, President of Auxiliary 6714 in West Springfield, spoke on the VFW National Home.

District 7 is now in second place in the department of Massachusetts.

The Poster and Essay Contest is for grades

three through eight. The theme is "What Freedom Means To Me." Agawam children can contact VFW Orville Burt (1632) for more information.

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program is open to all students in grades nine through 12. They can express their feelings on our country and flag through color and design.

If the flag is in the artwork, it must adhere to the National Flag Code.

The next District meeting will be in Westfield on October 15th.

President Driscoll states that a luncheon will be served to all Special Olympians that took part in the World Games in Connecticut at the West Springfield VFW on Sunday, September 24th.



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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, September 26th: Cream of carrot soup, stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, Canadian oat bread, canned peaches.

Wednesday, September 27th: Liver & onions, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, canned pears.

Thursday, September 28th: Salisbury steak, egg noodles, carrot coins, pumpernickel bread, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping.

Friday, September 29th: Seafood salad, pasta salad, broccoli salad, rye bread, jello with fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)



MATTHEW GORDON

Matthew Gordon Completes Army Nat'l Guard Basic Training

Matthew Gordon has just returned from basic training.

Matt served eight weeks at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He was attached to E Co. 2/39th Inf. Rgt., 2nd Platoon Strike Force. Matt is currently with the Army National Guard Military Intelligence in Springfield, MA.

Matt is now finishing his senior year at Agawam High School. He resides in Feeding Hills with his mom and dad, Debbie and Rich Gordon.

Check our classified pages

Tickets Available For Friends/COA Dinner

Tickets are now available for the annual Friends/Council on Aging Dinner. The banquet will be held on Thursday, October 12, 1995, at Chez Josef.

The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Guests will have a choice of meals: Chicken Florentine, Roast Beef au Jus, or Baked Boston Scrod.

The cost of tickets is \$20 per person, and tickets are available at the Agawam Senior Center, from Friends Board members, and from the members of the Agawam Council on Aging.

Entertainment will be provided by Richie Mitnick on keyboard, with vocals by Jessie Rivers, 1995 Ms. Senior Massachusetts. Friends, which will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary, will bestow its Friendship Award to a senior who has volunteered to improve the lives of Agawam's seniors. The Agawam Council on Aging will present the Andrew Gallano Award for meritorious service to elders.

For further information, call Lil Doyle at 786-8105.

Sweatshirt Sale Slated By Ag. Lioness Club

The Agawam Lioness Club will hold a sweatshirt sale on Wednesday, October 18th, at the Captain Leonard House from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sweatshirts, tee-shirts, and active wear will be available. All proceeds go to charity.

Recently, Bernice Burton and Rosemarie Maniscalco accepted, on behalf of the Lioness Club, a plaque of appreciation for the club's continuing support of Camp Rainbow.

Fall Rummage Sale At St. Joe's Of Westfield

A Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, September 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 30th from 9:00 a.m. to noon will be held at St. Joseph's Social Center, Clinton Avenue, Westfield.

This event is sponsored annually by the Ladies Adoration Society of St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, 73 Main St., Westfield.

Come look us over. See what we have to offer.

Jr. Women's Club Collecting Food For "World Food Day"

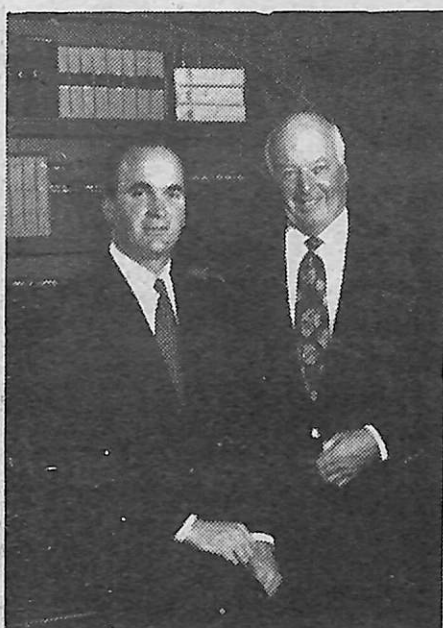
The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be collecting non-perishable food for World Food Day, which is October 16, 1995. They will be collecting food at the Agawam Soccer Jamboree held at the High School.

The Junior Women's Club will be running the food booth at the Soccer Jamboree and a collection box will be located there. The food will be distributed to local needy people.

Stop by and help with this food drive!

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Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP To Meet On Monday, Sept. 25th

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter 4915 of AARP will resume its monthly meetings as of Monday, September 25th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Mayor Christopher Johnson.

Those in attendance will be discussing trips for the future, including a Christmas bus trip and luncheon. What's more, the local AARP members will be participating in the Heritage Hall Harvest Festival (scheduled for October 14th) by having a white elephant table; any contributions including books, knickknacks, handicrafts, or whatever you find in your basement or attic (in good condition) would be appreciated. In its next monthly newsletter, the AARP will tell you where and when to bring your contributions.

This AARP chapter is a sponsor for Triad, which is a national policing initiative between seniors, law enforcement officials, and human service providers to increase safety and confidence for older citizens through education and crime prevention. There will be a speaker on this subject at a future date (to be announced).

After the meeting on September 25th, there will be time for fun and games. If you have a particular game you would like to share with the members, please bring it to the meeting.

Are you a national AARP member (over 50)? If so, you are eligible to become a member of the local chapter. The yearly dues are \$2; please join us.

If you have any questions, please call Jessie Fuller, President of the Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter, at 789-0657.

The chapter's monthly meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

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Navy Seaman Thomas Sandstrom Leaves For Overseas Deployment For NATO

Navy Seaman Thomas J. Sandstrom, son of Otto J. and Darlene O. Sandstrom of 206 Colemore Street, Feeding Hills, recently departed on a six-month overseas deployment aboard the aircraft carrier *USS America* as the lead ship of the USS America Battle Group.

Sandstrom is one of over 5,000 sailors and marines aboard the aircraft carrier, which departed from Norfolk, Virginia, in August along with 10 other ships and submarines. The 11-ship battle group is a formidable force equipped with jet fighters and attack aircraft, airborne early warning and electronic jamming aircraft, helicopters, and ships and submarines armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Extremely mobile and flexible, the battle group can operate together, moving nearly 700 miles a day, or can be deployed simultaneously to separate geographic regions.

Sandstrom and fellow sailors spent the last year training for a variety of situations they might encounter during the deployment. Sandstrom's ship will replace the *USS Theodore Roosevelt* and its aircraft, which have been conducting air strikes over Bosnia recently as part of the NATO force operating in the area.

During the 30,000-mile voyage, Sandstrom will spend about 150 days at sea as the ship participates in a variety of multinational operations and exercises.

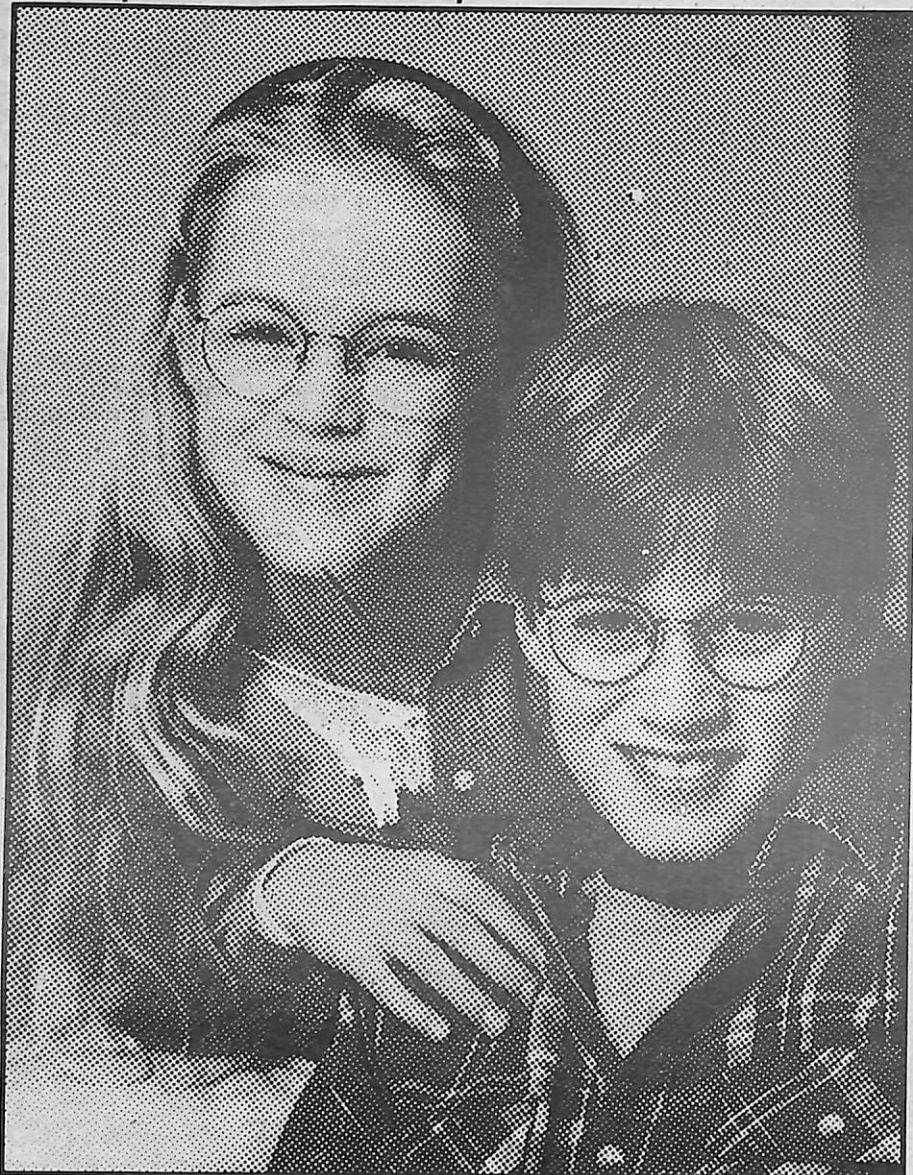
Sandstrom's involvement in the deployment is an example of how the Navy and Marine Corps team is designed to operate forward deployed overseas and respond quickly when needed. This deployment will be the last for the 31 year-old *USS America*, which has had a proud service spanning from the Persian Gulf War to Vietnam.

With an average age of 20 years-old, most of the crew members aboard the carrier weren't even born when the keel was laid for the 1,047-foot-long ship.

Today, more than 20,000 men and women like Sandstrom are serving overseas aboard U.S. aircraft carriers from the Persian Gulf and the Western Pacific Ocean to the Adriatic Sea. These forces provide a valuable forward presence and can dominate coastal and ocean areas while projecting sustained power wherever U.S. interests are involved.

Sandstrom, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, joined the Navy in March 1991.

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Catherine Sheehan Weds Robert Molta

Catherine Sheehan and Robert Molta were recently united in marriage at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Patricia Sheehan of Agawam. Parents of the bridegroom are Dante and Madeline Molta of Westfield.

Abbie-Jean Sheehan attended her sister as maid of honor. Michael Molta, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Providence College and is currently attending Western New England College School of Law. She is the director of the Western Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in Springfield.

Her husband graduated from Southwick High School and North Adams State College. He is the president of Coldwell Banker Keenan and Molta Associates.

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Annual Harvest Day At Laughing Brook Slated For Sept. 30th

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden is holding its 25th Annual Harvest Day Nature Festival on September 30, 1995, from 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Monsanto Company of Springfield will be sponsoring two performances of the Gerwick Puppets, and two performances of Magician Michael Wald's Comedy Magic for all ages. The public is invited to support Laughing Brook by attending this fun day of activities for the entire family.

Celebrate the arrival of fall through the atmosphere of this country fair that focuses on the theme of the harvest season and its natural connections. You'll be able to view on-going exhibits of weaving, spinning, and basketry. Pony rides, pumpkin decorating, face painting, children's games, wildlife exhibits, a hay jump, nature walks, relay races, and nature games will go on throughout the day. For those who have worked up an appetite, homemade baked goods will be available at the country store and hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and potatoes as well as soda and cider will be available at the food booth.

Adventures from Thornton W. Burgess will be the themes of the Gerwick's two puppet shows. "Unc' Billy Possum Raids the Hen House" will be presented at 11:00 a.m., and "Adventures with Whitefoot the Woodmouse" will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Michael Wald's comedy magic shows will take place at 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

A Harvest Day raffle is being held to support the work done at Laughing Brook. The lucky winner receives \$500. Tickets, \$1 each or six for \$5, may be purchased at Laughing Brook until 3:45 p.m. on September 30th. The winning ticket will be drawn at the event at 4:00 p.m.

Admission to Harvest Day is: Massachusetts Audubon Members and Town of Hampden residents, \$4 for adults, \$3 for children (ages 3-15) and senior citizens (ages 65-plus); for the general public, \$5.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children (ages 3-15) and senior citizens (ages 65-plus).

For further information or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter with complete listings, call (413) 566-8034.

Springfield Tech Slates 30th Reunion

Springfield's Technical High School Class of 1965 is holding its 30th class reunion October 27, 1995-October 29, 1995.

A social hour, dinner, dancing, and brunch will be offered. Haven't received an invitation?? Call George at 592-3582. Leave message.

Big Wish Auction For Make-A-Wish On Fri., Sept. 29th

The third Annual Big Wish Auction to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western and Central Massachusetts will be held at the Polish American Citizens Club, 355 East Street, Ludlow, MA on Friday, September 29th.

Doors will open for viewing and *Silent Auction* bidding at 5:30 p.m. A smorgasbord dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the auction are \$5, and \$10 for the auction with smorgasbord. Tickets will be available at the door or from the Make-A-Wish office at (413) 733-WISH.

Hundreds of valuable items have been donated to the foundation for the auction, including many celebrity-autographed items, sports memorabilia, dinners, hotel accommodations, ski packages, and many other unique items.

All proceeds from the Big Wish Auction will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western and Central Massachusetts. The Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit, charitable organization that works to grant the special wishes of children, ages 2½ to 17 who have been diagnosed with a terminal or life-threatening illness.

For information, contact Richard Verville, Executive Director, The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western and Central Massachusetts or call (413) 733-WISH or (800) 873-9474.

Ag. Women's Club To Meet September 25th

The Agawam Women's Club will meet on Monday, September 25th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. This will be the first meeting of the new club year.

The meeting will feature the traditional Covered Dish Supper and will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a parcel post auction.

The Agawam Women's Club was organized in 1926 for purposes of mutual helpfulness, the advancement of public welfare, and the promotion of the civic and cultural interests. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through April.

Anyone interested in further information may contact President Elaine Smith at 786-3091.

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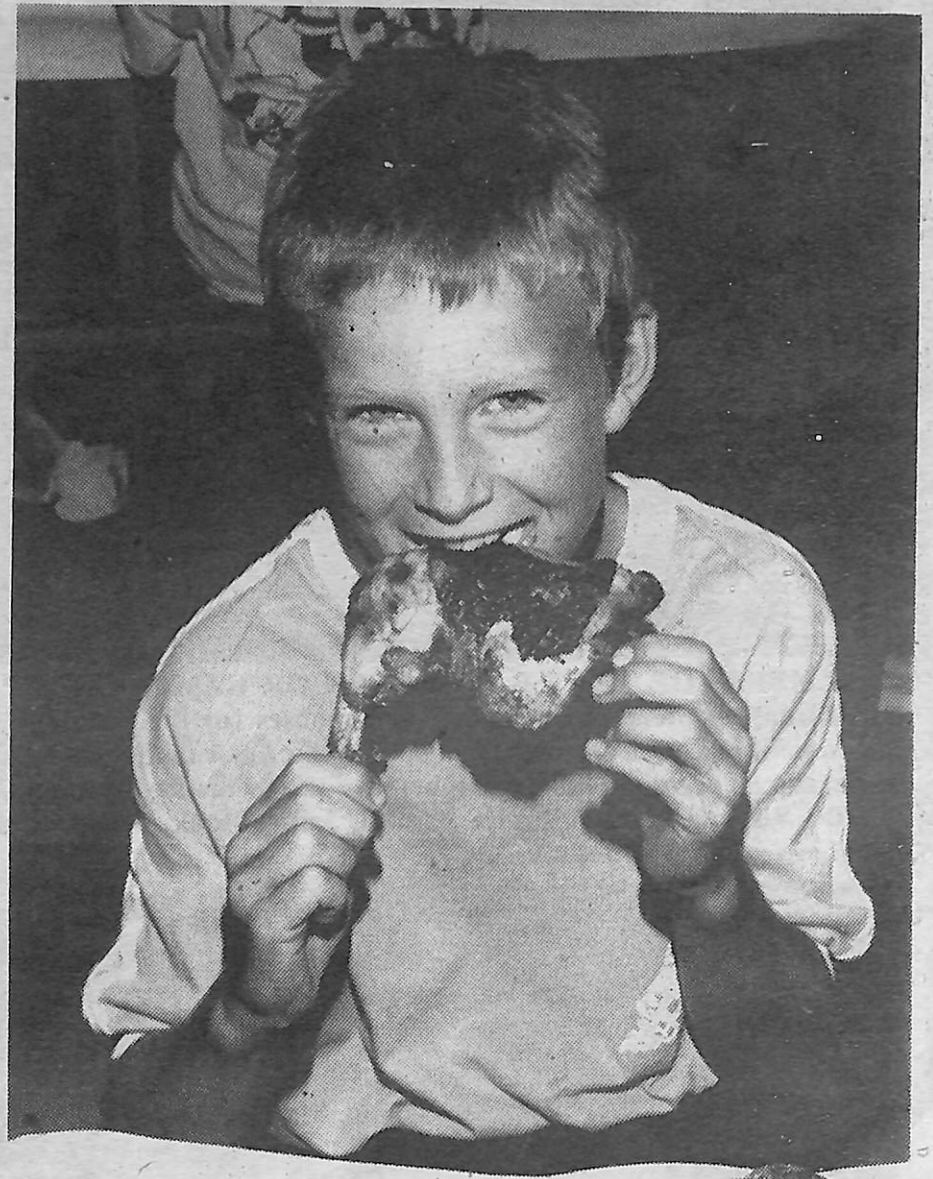
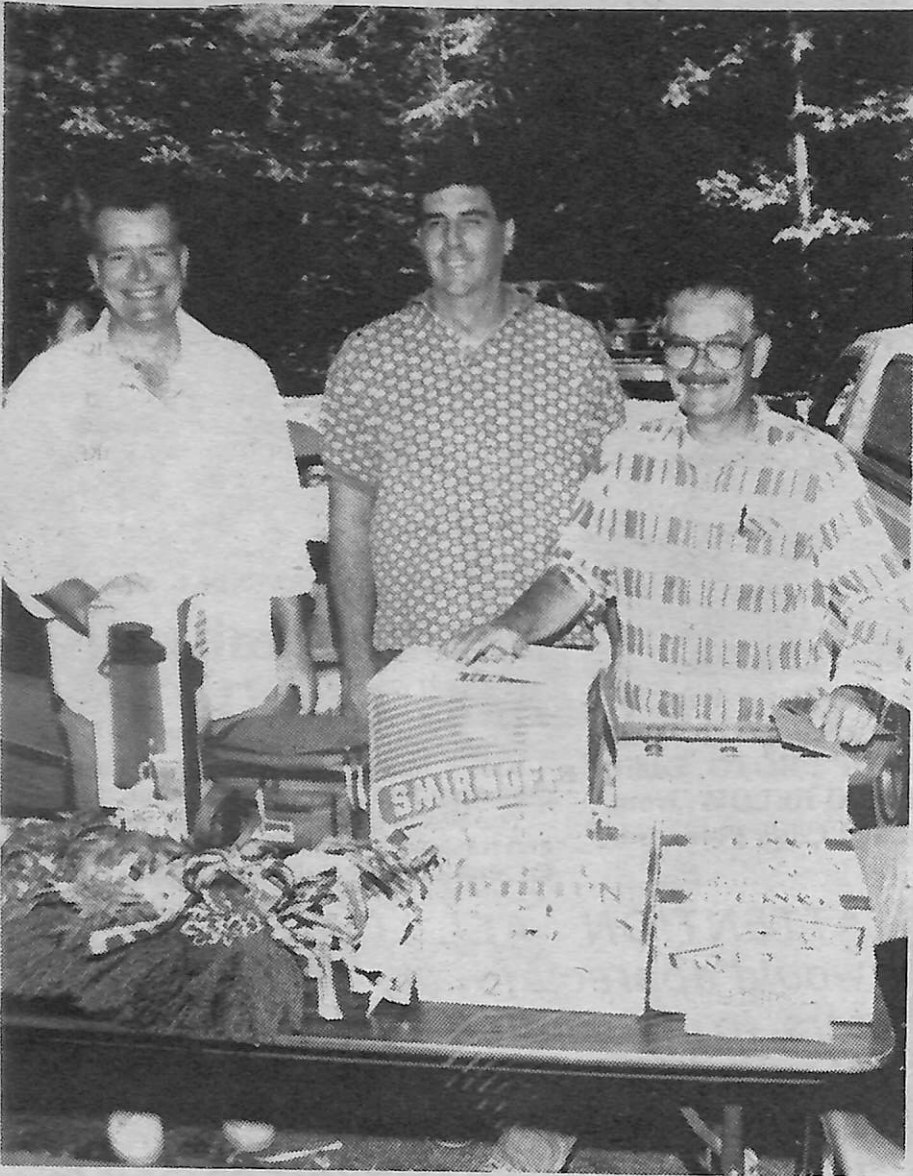
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Mawaga Club Holds Annual Chicken BBQ



THE MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB held a chicken BBQ on its grounds off Adams Street on Sunday, September 10th. Looking over some of the prizes handed out are club members Steve Roberts, Rick Van Heusen, and Mike Roberts; **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Kevin Foley enjoys his feast. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

SHARE New England To Hold Next Sign-Up At St. John's Church

SHARE New England wants to tell you about a smart way to stretch your food dollar.

By volunteering in your community for just two hours, you will be able to purchase a package of meats, fresh vegetables, fruits, and staple items worth between \$30 and \$35 for only \$15. What's more, anyone can participate in this program!

The next sign-up for this worthwhile program will take place on Saturday, September 23rd, at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 835 Main Street (Rte. 159), Agawam, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a sign-up at the same location on Tuesday, October 3rd, between 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.

Also on October 3rd, the program will be holding a second sign-up at St. David's Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Regardless of when you sign-up for this program, the pickup date for all food items is Saturday, October 21st, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.

For further information about SHARE in your community, call Jane Tuohey at 789-4674.



TWO OF THE GRILLMASTERS at the September 10th chicken BBQ at the Mawaga Sporting Club included, from left - Dave Taylor and Wayne Harrington. Dave is holding his little daughter, Sarah. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Senior Games Group Holds Car Wash



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR GAMES GROUP held a benefit car wash on Saturday, September 9th to defray expenses for their athletic forays to state and national competitions. The car wash was held at the Agawam Senior Center. IN TOP PHOTO, Eddie Barako of Feeding Hills (far right) was one of the day's helpers. IN PHOTO BELOW, from left - Virginia Ingram, Janice Barako, Janice Bonk, Angelo Polumbo, and Chris Polumbo.

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BABY ALEXIS A. MIRSKI

Mirski Family Receives Baby Girl On May Day

Alexis Ann Mirski was born on May 1, 1995 to proud parents Susan and Michael Mirski.

The proud grandparents are Mrs. Cecilia Mirski and the late George Mirski of Springfield, MA, and Ed and Barbara (Bonavita) Brooks of Agawam.

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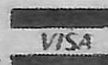
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Bondi's Island Gets National Attention For Third Place Article

Philip H. Pike, Director of the Springfield Department of Public Works, announced today that Mickey J. Nowak, a Senior Operator at the Springfield Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility on Bondi's Island has received national attention for his third place award-winning article written for "Operations Forum," a publication of the Water Environment Federation.

Each year, the publication sponsors a problem solving contest where professionals from across the nation compete by submitting solutions to some of the complex problems related to waste water treatment. According to Pike, "Mickey has distinguished himself and the Springfield operation by submitting and receiving this award. He represents what I feel is best about the dedication and commitment shown by the professionals at our Waste Water Treatment Facility."

Nowak's submission was an article entitled "Calibrating Doppler Meters" and presents a simple method devised by operations staff at the SRWTP to acquire accurate flow measures utilizing Doppler meters. His award-winning article was published in the July 1995 issues of "Operations Forum" which is considered a major trade publication in the industry.

Nowak serves as Senior Treatment Plant Operator and has been with the facility for the past 18 years. As such, he supervises much of the day-to-day operation of the facility.

West Side Church Seeking Crafters For October Festival

Applications are available for vendors and craft people interested in participating in the Annual Immaculate Conception Church Holiday Bazaar to be held on October 14th in the Parish School hall, 495 Main St., West Springfield, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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For more information, call Marge at 733-8747, Gert at 733-1285, or Rita at 739-2966.

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Atlantic Monthly Editor To Be Featured Speaker At Forum Series

James Fallows, Washington Editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*, will appear on the current Springfield Public Forum Series on Tuesday, September 26th, at Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

The event, open to all without charge, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. *The Boston Globe* will co-sponsor the talk and its editor, Mathew V. Storin, will serve as chairman.

Fallows has served as Washington Editor since 1979. For four years during the late 1980's, he lived with his family in Japan and Malaysia. He has worked and traveled since that time in almost every country of East Asia.

This reporting is the basis of his book, *Looking at the Sun: The Rise of the New East Asian Economic and Political System*. He has written about computers and technology since 1980 and has plans to do a book on the U.S. computer industry.

Before joining *The Atlantic Monthly*, Fallows spent two years as chief speech writer for President Jimmy Carter. Previously, he had been an editor of the *Washington Monthly* and *Texas Monthly* magazines. Since 1987, he has been a regular weekly commentator for National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*.

He has been seen frequently on television programs such as the *McNeill-Lehrer News Hour* and *Meet the Press* in discussions of economics, politics, and U.S.-Asian relations. He has appeared extensively across the country as a lecturer, and has written articles for numerous magazines including *Esquire*, *Fortune*, and *The New York Times Book Review*.

Fallows is at work on a book on the media due for release in January. His previous books include *More Like Us* (1989) and *National Defense* (1981).

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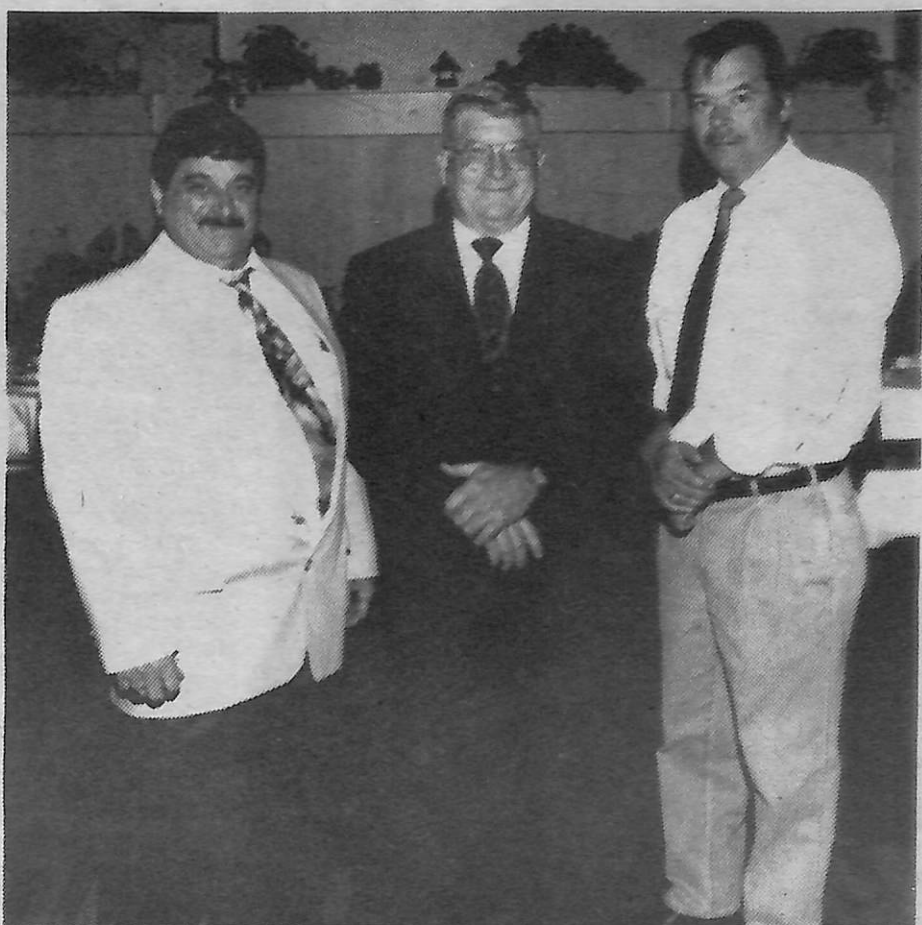
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THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT held a retirement party for Richard Fearn on Thursday, September 7th. IN PHOTO LEFT, Fire Chief David Pisano presents a citation to Fearn and Town Councilor Edward A. Caba presents the retiree with another citation honoring his many years of dedicated service to the community. IN PHOTO RIGHT, FEARN is pictured with firemen Ronnie Giordano and Larry Grady (right). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



RÉTIRED AGAWAM FIREFIGHTER RICHARD FEARN is pictured with members of his family at his retirement party. From left - Diane Fearn -Stoddard (daughter), Betty Fearn (Richard's wife), the retiree himself, Frances Fearn (mother), and Thomas Fearn (son). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fire Dept. Holds Retirement Party For Richard Fearn

The Agawam Fire Department's Permanent Firefighters' Association hosted a retirement party in honor of Richard Fearn.

Mr. Fearn retired after serving the department for 32 years. He began his career as a firefighter on October 11, 1962. His retirement became effective December 31, 1994.

Mr. Fearn was hired as a firefighter but became the department's mechanic after successfully completing a Civil Service Exam for firefighter/master mechanic in 1967. Mr. Fearn did an outstanding job in maintaining the department's fire pumps, ambulances, rescue vehicle, staff cars, and rescue boat.

The retirement party was held at Ferruccio's Banquet House, 1520 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Family members, friends, and fellow firefighters attended the party and helped Mr. Fearn celebrate this joyous event.

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Tory F. Allan Bride Of John A. Serra

Tory F. Allan of Pembroke, MA, daughter of Charlotte and Thomas Allan of Hingham, MA, became the bride of John A. Serra (also of Pembroke) on July 1, 1995. The parents of the groom are Judith and Arthur Serra of 201 Pineview Circle, Agawam.

The wedding ceremony took place at The Old Ship Church in Hingham, with Rev. Kenneth Read-Brown officiating. The bride was given away by her father, Thomas S. Allan, and the maid of honor was Kristen Jenkins. The bridesmaids were Gina M. Serra, M.D. (sister of the groom), Lisa Lipnicki, Casey O'Hara, Kimberly Berry, and Erin Sanges, and the flower girls were Lena, Elizabeth, and Katherine Lowell.

The best man was George Corgan. The ushers

were Thomas S. Allan III (brother of the bride), Tucker C. Allan (another brother of the bride), Jared Cuda, Bryan Boutwell, and Robert Ayers. The ring bearers were John and William Lowell.

Following a reception at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham, the couple travelled to Antigua for their honeymoon.

The bride graduated from Hingham High School and attended Western New England College. She is presently attending Bridgewater College and is employed as a nanny for a family in Pembroke.

The groom graduated from Agawam High School and Western New England College. He is employed as a marketing representative for John Hancock Insurance Company in Sandwich, MA.

The couple currently resides in Pembroke.



MR. & MRS. JOHN A. SERRA

Best local news...



MR. & MRS. STEVE SHEPARD

Jackie Gordon Of FH Bride Of Mr. Shepard At Suffield Ceremony

Jackie Gordon, daughter of Debbie and Rich Gordon of Bradford Drive, Feeding Hills, and Steve Shepard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shepard, Jr., of Warren MA, were united in marriage on July 8th at First Church of Christ Congregational in Suffield, CT.

Joanne Black, aunt of the bride, attended as maid of honor. Ronald Shepard served his brother as best man.

Robin Castanguay, Diane Kordek, and Lucy Benson (sisters of the groom), and Lisa Gordon (sister-in-law of the bride), served as bridesmaids. Dan Gordon, Rick Gordon, and Matt Gordon (brothers of the bride), and Mike Moorhouse served the bridegroom.

Brittany Ariel Beaudette served as flower girl, and Ryan Shepard was the ring bearer.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Agawam High School and works at Sarat Ford.

The bridegroom is a 1981 graduate of Quabog High School and also works for Sarat Ford.

The couple resides in Feeding Hills.

Genealogical Society To Meet Again At Blake House

The October meeting of the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society will be held at Blake House, adjacent to the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum at the Quadrangle in Springfield. There is free parking behind the Museum.

Guest Speaker will be Larry Gormally, local author and well-known writer for the *Springfield Journal*. He will talk on "The Sandstone and Redstone Quarries of Sixteen Acres and East Longmeadow; Their Influence on Immigration."

As usual, the Museum will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for member research. Guests are welcome. For further information, please call 567-6566.

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OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL J.F.K. COUNCIL of the Knights of Columbus were installed on September 12th. Front row - Jack Rohah, Nick Porfilio, Nelson Letendre, Jim Daley, Tim Robitaille, Ed Francis, and Ed Coffey. Back row - Robert Sullivan, James Fournier, Robert LaMarche, James S. Jenks, Frank Meagher, and Dennis Buell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Knights Of Columbus Conduct Installation Of New Officers

On Tuesday, September 12th, the J.F.K. Council of the Knights of Columbus held their annual Installation of Officers.

Elected to lead the Council this year were: Frank Meagher, Grand Knight; Timothy Robitaille, Deputy Grand Knight; Jim Jenks, Financial Secretary; Ed Coffey, Recorder; Bob Sullivan, Treasurer; James Daley, Chancellor; Dennis Buell, Warden; James Fournier, Inside Guard; Nick Porfilio, Outside Guard; Fr. Jack Shaeffer, Chaplain; Jack Rohan, Lecturer; Ed Francis, Dr. Robert LaMarche, and Nelson Letendre, Trustees.

The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic Fraternal Order of Men dedicated to helping the

physically and mentally challenged youths under 18 and the mentally challenged adults of our community. If you know of any families or individuals who need assistance, please contact the Council at P.O. Box 191, Agawam, MA 01001.

During The Big E, you will find the Agawam Knights conducting their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" at the Agawam side of the Agawam-West Springfield Bridge. Please stop by and say "hello."

Last year, the J.F.K. Council collected over \$5,400 for the mentally challenged while giving away over 40 cases of Tootsie Rolls.

Please help the K of C do as well as last year.

St. David's Church Will Begin New Monthly Healing Service On Sept. 28th

St. David's Church at 522 Springfield Street will begin a NEW, MONTHLY Praise, Teaching, and Healing Service on Thursday, September 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. and going until everyone decides to leave.

The Holy Spirit has been moving powerfully through many people lately. Everyone is invited to this service, so bring a friend and come enjoy being in the presence of the Lord. We will begin by singing praises (bring your guitar, tambourines, chicken shakes (???), your hands to clap, and other instruments - mostly your voice).

We will then have a brief teaching led by Pastor Len Cowan and then a time for private healing prayers with members of the Healing Time or to pray quietly alone. Come and be blessed by having fellowship with others in the Lord. (Healing

prayers are also available every Monday evening at the church).

The next Praise/Healing Service will be held on October 26th. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

On Sunday, September 24th following the 10:00 a.m. Service held at the Middle School, there will be a meeting to discuss the timetable for construction to begin on the NEW St. David's facility (located on Springfield Street, next to the police station) which will happen in the not-too-distant future.

For further information, call St. David's church office at 786-6133 between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Monday through Friday.

Our deadline is each and every Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

3*2*1*KONTACT (for kindergarten through third grade youngsters) is planning a "Bring A Friend Pizza Party" for Saturday, September 23rd, at 4:00 p.m. at the church. All are welcome. See you there!

On Sunday, September 24th, Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday, Rev. Curt Fuller's Sermon will be "The Other Side" from Jeremiah 8:22. The Children's Message will be "Walking for Others!"

Church School continues this Sunday, with adult and seventh through 12th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade meeting at 10:30 a.m. during the Worship Service.

The Jr. Choir continues to meet following the Worship Service. All children ages three to 16 are welcome to attend the choir practice. Mr. Bryan Kirby, church organist and choir director, will be leading the children's choir.

Playgroup for infants to pre-school continues every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Playgroup follows the Agawam school calendar for the school year.

For more information about the Playgroup, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430 or the church office at 786-7111.

There is a Midweek Service each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This service is a half-hour, informal Worship Service with hymns, prayers, and communion.

The Minister of Music Emeritus, Eleanor Tous-saint, has been playing the piano for the hymn sings.

Join us at this weekly fellowship service in the Lord's house and sing your favorite hymn.

Confirmation Class begins this Sunday, September 24th, at 9:15 a.m. All ninth grade students are invited to be part of this year's exciting Confirmation Class.

The class will offer an extensive overview of the history, structure, and the basic Christian beliefs. Also, they will be encouraged to examine their personal involvement with the Church and their relationship with Jesus Christ.

An important part of the program will be the visits to area congregations. Another highlight will be two overnight retreats. These events help our young people gather with other confirmands from all over the state and also to put their faith into action at a mission work camp.

Speakers will visit the class to share how their faith helps them deal with their work situations. The class is also open to older high school students who have not been confirmed. Rev. Curt Fuller will be leading the class.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 786-7111.

On Monday, September 25th, the first meeting for the Sr. High Youth Group will be held, beginning with a Pizza Party at 7:00 p.m.

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*Church News - continued...***News & Notes From
F.H. Congregational**

"Better Than Money in the Bank" will be the title of Rev. Donaldson's sermon this Sunday. Please join us for worship at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m., as does the Adult Bible Literacy Class. A traditional worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Children are encouraged to attend with their parents; nursery care is provided.

Come welcome the Aguayo family from Chile who will be visiting us here at Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Saturday, October 7th.

Rev. Oscar Aguayo, his wife, and their children have travelled to Massachusetts to spread the word of the mission work being done in Chile and, with the aid of an interpreter, will be sharing their stories and experiences with us.

We will be hosting a covered-dish dinner in Griswold Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7th. Please sign up to bring a covered main dish, salad, or dessert.

Reservations would be appreciated; please contact the church office at 786-5061.

The Youth Group will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Plans are in the works for a great Halloween Party, so make sure you're there!

Don't forget to stop by and join us for a delicious meal at the Big E. You can enjoy your specially prepared dinner at the Meeting House on the Green by Storowton.

Plan to get there early so you won't have to wait in line!

The annual CROP Walk to raise money to fight hunger will take place on Sunday, October 22nd.

Please call the church office at 786-5061 for more information, or speak to Rob Donaldson or Bob Broga in church on Sunday.

On the calendar this week:

September 24th: 8:00 a.m., Finance Board meeting; 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 10:00 a.m., Neighbors in Need collection; 6:30 p.m., Operation Friendship.

September 26th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

September 27th: 7:00 p.m., Choir; 8:00 p.m., A.A.

September 28th: 6:30 p.m., Youth Group.

October 1st: Big E ends.

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St. John's Pack 77 Holds Bottle Drive

SCOUT PACK 77 at St. John's Church held a bottle drive on Saturday, September 9th in front of the Parish Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Sunday School Teachers, Officers
To Be Dedicated At 1st Baptist**

Sunday School teachers and officers will be dedicated at morning worship at First Baptist Church this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The Pastor's message will be "Head'em Out!" using as his scriptural text Acts 1: 6-11. The responsive reading will be led by Nancy Velozo.

Following worship, coffee and conversation will be held in Davis Hall, with classes for all ages until 11:30 a.m.

Also on our calendar this week:

Sunday, September 24th: 7:00 p.m., Deacons meeting; 7:00-8:30 p.m., Sr. High Youth Group

Tuesday, September 26th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 4:30 p.m. Our people serve at Loaves & Fishes, meals for the homeless.

Wednesday, September 27th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open

Thursday, September 28th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Women of the church are reminded that the deadline for reservations to Guest Day of the Women's Guild of First Park Memorial Church on October 3rd will be September 26th. Lunch will be at 12:00 p.m. for \$4.

Contact Edie Gottsche or Lorraine Royer for reservations.

Plans are under way for an all-church hymn sing on October 29th at 7:00 p.m. More about this later.

**PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is
every Tuesday at noon. We appreciate
those who bring in their copy on Monday.**

Berkshire Power will be hosting
an informational breakfast for
all **senior citizens** of Agawam
on **September 28th** at 8:00
a.m. at The Oaks Banquet Hall,
located at 1070 Suffield Street.
Seniors that are interested in
going should call the office of
Berkshire Power, 786-5640.



Spotlight On Business

Community Shops Hold Benefit For MDA



MERCHANTS AND PROFESSIONALS in the Community Shops in Feeding Hills Center held a fun day for townspeople to benefit the MDA on Sunday, September 10th. IN TOP PHOTO, back row, from left - Gail Hebert, Peterjones; Blimpie Bear; Jim Mosher, Blimpie Subs & Salads; Carol Paquette, Longmeadow Flowers; Denise LaPointe, The Cutting Edge; Minnie Saleh, Fleet Bank branch manager; Nivia Valenti, Fleet Bank; Derek Kinney, Kinney's 1-Hour Photo; Mia No, Stanley Cleaners; Dick Kinney, Kinney's 1-Hour Photo; Eva Parrot, Fleet Bank; Michael Hebert, Torinese Italian Pastry; and Dana Murgita, Torinese Italian Pastry. IN PHOTO BELOW, pictured with one of the clowns on hand are Samantha Kinney, Beth Skelly, and Patrick Skelly. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 24. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Remodeling Your Home? How Much Is Too Much?

The traditional way for homeowners to increase the value of their house is by remodeling existing rooms or adding on to its current plan. Some choose to build recreation rooms and studies while others add appliances, fixtures, and cabinets to enliven rooms and make their home more attractive to buyers.

But, when should you decide to stop sinking money into a home and buy a bigger place? And how much rehab is too much when it comes time to recovering remodeling costs through a home sale?

For instance, if you've just spent \$2,000 remodeling your living room and didn't expand your small bathroom, the chances of increasing the number of interested buyers are slim.

With these concerns in mind, CENTURY 21 sales associates offer a few tips for those struggling to add value to their homes.

First, always protect the character of your home. Nothing sticks out more than a new addition that is in a completely different architectural style. Be consistent. Recognize your home's character and stay within its framework.

The most financially rewarding areas to remodel are usually the kitchen and bath. Newly redone cooking spaces and cabinets attract more buyers and may command a slightly higher price for the home than a comparable one on the market. Simple repairs that are made to last will bring you the biggest returns upon sale.

Enlarged bathrooms are the most popular attraction for new homebuyers, according to the National Kitchen and Bath Association. Today, the most popular addition for younger buyers are sky lights, whirlpool baths, and showers. But, be sure to install modest, solid amenities. It's easy to quickly overspend on bathroom fixtures.

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***MDA Benefits From Community Shops**

PICTURED OUTSIDE BLIMPIE SUBS & SALADS during a family fun day at the Community Shops to benefit the MDA include Jeanne Garvin, Jan Szemela, Dana Murgita, Derek Kinney, Blimpie Bear, Michele Caskey, Ron Dutton, Jr., and "Doc." IN PHOTO RIGHT, Blimpie Bear welcomes Jonathan Hebert to the newest business in the Community Shops, Blimpie Subs & Salads. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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REAL ESTATE - from Page 22...

Buyers are, by convention, more interested in above-ground living space—not basements, yards, and walkways. Swimming pools can be a poor investment if installed for the sole purpose of increasing the home's value; it's rare that a pool's cost will be recovered in a home sale. It can also be a negative feature for potential buyers with very young children.

Replacing worn carpeting, tiles, and wood floors can give your home an immediate advantage over similar homes in the area. Updating paint colors and wall coverings in all areas of your home can also prove beneficial.

However, it's recommended that you use neutral colors such as gray, beige, and off-white when adding new floor and wall coverings. Fewer buyers will then turn away because of different tastes.

Removal of overgrown shrubs around your home and replacing with updated shrubbery will make your home more eye-appealing to the buyer and may prove to be more valuable compared to similar homes. Overgrown shrubbery also makes your home appear smaller.

Stay simple with your remodeling and look at your home as though you were the buyer. Chances are that if you find the upstairs bedroom could be brightened by a larger window, potential buyers will probably feel the same.

Don't go overboard. Concentrate on improving two or three deficiencies in your home. More than likely, the time and money you spend adding quality to your home will be rewarded with greater profit at selling time.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Agawam Chamber Issues Statement On Berkshire Power**

In response to recent questions, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce would like to publicly restate its position on the proposal of Berkshire Power to construct an electric generating plant in the town of Agawam. The following statement was approved by the Agawam Chamber Board of Directors at its meeting on April 25, 1995:

The statement reads:

Earlier this year, the Board of Directors of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce voted its support of the Berkshire Power Plant Project. Since that vote, a final site has been chosen for the project. The Board of Directors has recently received information that the location of the project on this chosen site may affect the community and neighboring businesses.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board reaffirmed its support of the project in Agawam, but recommended that before this project moves forward, these and any other concerns should be addressed before any permits are issued for siting and construction for the power project.

Since that time, the Board has not taken any vote on this or any related issue.

Questions should be directed to Agawam Chamber Manager Kevin McElhinney at 787-1555 (office) or 586-4285 (home).

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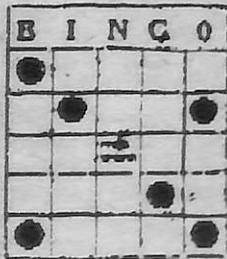
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Despite the inevitability of death and taxes, too few people take the time to go through the estate planning process. Women, especially, are lacking in this area.

According to a study by the National Center for Women & Retirement Research, women devote relatively little attention to retirement planning. Although 78 percent make retirement plans, one-third have never determined how much money they will need to finance their retirement, and two-thirds have never consulted with an investment professional.

"The main reason you go to the trouble to do estate planning is to disinherit the IRS," says Lisa Berger in her book, *Feathering Your Nest*. "You want to make sure your heirs get as much of the reward as possible, and that Uncle Sam gets as little as possible."

Without an estate plan, your family may be left with more financial and legal difficulties than money. Federal estate taxes, state death taxes, administrative expenses, and probate costs can reduce the value of your estate by half, she says.

A comprehensive estate plan should do more than just minimize taxes and distribute assets, however; it should be part of a complete financial plan that can help you meet your short-term and long-term financial objectives. Having an estate plan also can help you prepare more thoroughly for your retirement years.

By going through the planning process, you can better determine how much money you'll need to live comfortably, and how much you can afford to give to your family.

Although the task can be tedious and downright uncomfortable, the earlier you start the estate planning process, the better. For starters, you need to know the value of your estate. A certain amount of money can be transferred without paying taxes, similar to the way you don't have to file income tax returns if you don't make more than a certain amount of money.

Don't make the all-too-common mistake of assuming, though, that your assets have little value. By the time many families add up the value of qualified retirement plan benefits, real estate, personal property, life insurance, savings, and other assets, their estates exceed the amount exempt from tax.

Unfortunately, the tax bite can be huge: rates range from 37 percent to 55 percent. This means that good planning is critical, and a well-written will is an important part of a plan, no matter how large or small your estate.

A will is the only way to make sure that whatever you leave behind goes to the people you designate; without a will, your estate could be eaten up by taxes.

Legal experts say that it's best to have your will drafted by a lawyer and updated at least every two or three years; both estate tax laws and your wishes may change.

The key, however, is to take the initiative and start planning your estate now. Put together a team of experts—at the very least consult with a tax accountant, a financial advisor, and an attorney—to ensure that you, rather than the government, have the final say about the distribution of your assets.

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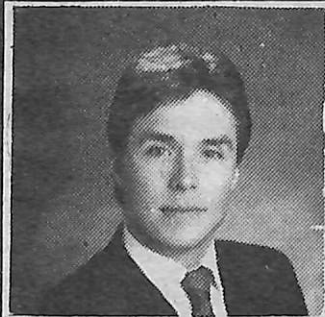
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An injury on the football field is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is struck or badly jarred, and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time. But not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column.

If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs. It can cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of many patients.

While football is a fine builder of character and body, no football injury should be forgotten until after a competent consultation and examination.

Football is part of an American tradition in education, and it is certainly here to stay. But there is always a price for good things, and the price of football is occasional injury to the players.

The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, emphasizes the health of Agawam's athletes and is well-equipped to examine and treat those who have been injured. Call 789-1369.

American Lung Association Hosting "Breath Games '95" On October 1st

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts and Springfield College will be hosting Breath Games '95 on Sunday, October 1st, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the Springfield College Campus.

Breath Games is a track and field event designed for asthmatic youngsters, ages five to 13. Children with asthma will have the chance to participate in 14 track and field events as many times as they wish, competing against their individual times only. The purpose of Breath Games is to increase asthmatic youngsters' self-esteem and confidence, and to let them know that with the proper management of their condition, they can participate in athletic events like anyone else.

Events will take place throughout the day, and youngsters and parents will have a chance to attend an asthma education session to learn how to manage asthma more effectively. Every child who participates will receive a medal and an official Breath Games t-shirt.

Breath Games does **not** require a high level of athletic skill, but it does require a high level of fun! News 40's Ray Hershel and Kathy Tobin will also be on hand at the event to greet the participants and their families.

Registration for Breath Games '95 is \$5 per child. Please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts at 413-737-3506 or 800-LUNG-USA for registration information.

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Special Concerns For Women As We Head For New Millennium

Part II

by Barb Vinciguerra, M.S.
Assistant General Manager
Fitness First Health & Fitness Center

In last week's article, I discussed some of the current health concerns that women have been challenged by as we approach the year 2000. Good health as we know it today, is no longer a matter of chance, rather it is a matter of choice. You can choose to engage in healthy behaviors that can positively influence good health or to engage in ones that can be detrimental to your overall well-being.

Some positive behaviors that you can engage in which can help to minimize your risk of cardiovascular disease would be, for example: to engage in aerobic activities such as walking, cycling, aerobics, swimming, etc. a minimum of three times a week for at least 20 minutes or longer at a moderate intensity level; to make sure that you consume a diet that is low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol; and not to smoke.

To decrease your risk for osteoporosis, it is recommended that you engage in weight bearing activities such as walking or strength training; to make sure that you have a diet that is adequate in calcium; and once again, not to smoke. The same recommendations can be made for decreasing your risk of certain cancers, along with avoiding prolonged exposure to the sun, and consuming a healthy diet.

Women today have even greater control over their health than ever before. Although there are some factors that you cannot change, such as age or heredity, focus on those that you can. Eat right, exercise, get adequate sleep, decrease stress in your life, and take precautions to reduce your risk for injury or accidents. Remember, more times than not, it's making the little changes in life that can make the greatest contributions to your quest for overall health and well-being. Best of Health to you!

Do you want to learn more about how your behaviors can influence your health and well-being? On Thursday, September 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fitness First will be hosting a special women's health forum.

Call 786-1460 for more information.

Program To Address Cosmetic Side Of Cancer Treatments

Noble Hospital will sponsor a program for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiation which addresses the cosmetic side effects of treatment. The program, entitled *Look Good, Feel Better*, is co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

During the program, scheduled for Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m., cosmetologists trained in the side effects of cancer treatment will provide help with wig and turban styling and thinning hair. They will provide creative help with hats and scarves, and demonstrate natural wig styling. Tips on skin care, nail care, and makeup will also be discussed.

The trained cosmetologists are from Hair by Ed-da, a Westfield beauty salon. Educational information will be available from the ACS.

The program will be held in Noble Hospital's Auditorium A. Please register for the program by calling the hospital's Oncology Department at 568-2811, ext. 5696. Refreshments will be served.

Best local news...



Ask Dr.

by Stephen Jacapraro,
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NEW LOOK UP FRONT

Q. What can be done to improve the appearance of teeth other than creating crowns for them?

A. There are several methods to give teeth a new look that are much simpler and less costly than crowns. One technique, called veneering, can transform the front surface of a tooth that is discolored, blemished or misshapen.

A dental veneer is a very thin shell that is custom-made, usually of porcelain, to fit an individual tooth. The procedure does not require an anesthetic. At an initial visit the front surface of the tooth is prepared and an impression is made. Using this impression, a dental laboratory creates a veneer that is customized in the desired shape and color. At a later visit, the dentist painlessly affixes the veneer to the front of the tooth. Next, look in the mirror and smile!

ANTI-CAVITY SHIELD

Q. Do children still face the risk of cavities if they are protected by fluoride in water supplies and toothpastes?

A. Yes. Fluoride is credited with reducing the incidence of tooth decay, but about one out of two children still develop cavities. Fluoride is most effective on straight, smooth sides of teeth, but not on the biting surfaces of back teeth. The reason: These surfaces contain tiny depressions in which food and bacteria collect. Thorough brushing can't always remove the culprits that cause decay.

Now there is proven protection for such tooth surfaces. Once a child's back teeth come in, the dentist applies a liquid known as a sealant to the chewing surfaces. There is no drilling, no pain, no need for needles. Once a sealant hardens in one minute or less, food particles and bacteria cannot penetrate and cause cavities. When your child's back teeth come in, make an appointment with the dentist to determine if sealants are in order.

Brought to you as a public service by Dr. Stephen R. Jacapraro, D.M.D., 1379 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 786-8177.

For Your Health - continued...



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

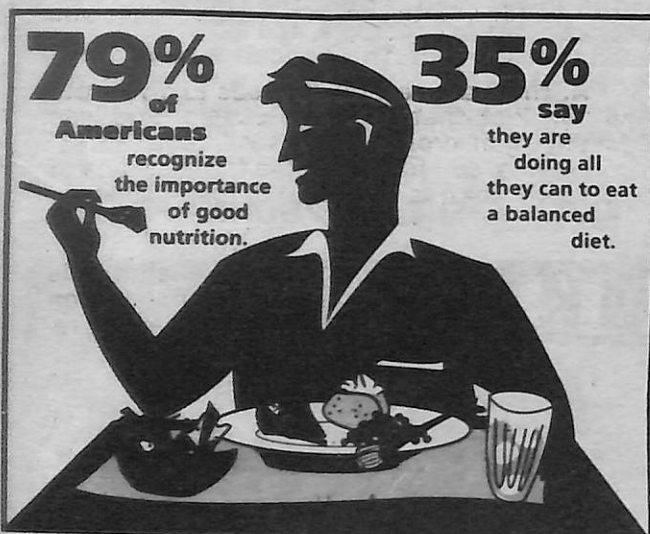
Are you confused about what it takes to be right? Do you still believe healthy eating means sacrificing your favorite foods? Are you concerned that achieving a balanced diet takes far too much time? You're not alone.

The American Dietetic Association (ADA) 1995 Nutrition Trends Survey reports that 65 percent of Americans are slowing efforts to improve eating habits. The top three perceived obstacles cited were taste, time, and confusion.

Here are some simple and practical tips from the ADA to help you overcome these obstacles:

- Enjoy your favorite foods in moderation and help control dietary fat intake by choosing reduced fat or fat free versions of some foods.
- Check out the Nutrition Facts label found on almost every food product. A quick glance will tell you how much fat, sodium, fiber, and other important nutrients a food contains so you can get an idea of how it can fit into your diet. Look for phrases like "reduced calorie," "fat free," or "rich in calcium" to identify foods that can help you eat a balanced diet.
- Make small, gradual changes in your diet and physical activity, like adding a serving of fruit for lunch or taking the stairs instead of the elevator. Get used to this before making other changes.
- Including physical activity in your lifestyle doesn't have to mean spending hours at the health club. Take a walk with a friend at lunch—even short periods of exercise can boost well-being.
- Remember that science is "evolutionary," not "revolutionary." Don't drastically change your diet and physical activity every time a new study is reported.

The Nutrition Gap: What we know vs. what we do



Source: The American Dietetic Association 1995 Nutrition Trends Survey

New nutrition label gaining rapid acceptance...



Source: The American Dietetic Association 1995 Nutrition Trends Survey

Spinal Cord Support At Mercy Hospital Sept. 27th

The Spinal Cord Injury Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will meet Sept. 27th, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The free meetings are conducted the last Wednesday of the month, and are open to spinal cord injury survivors, their families, and friends.

For more information, call the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, (413) 748-6800.

Vestibular Disorders Can Receive Support At Mercy Hospital

Persons with balance disorders are invited to take part in a Vestibular Disorders Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital.

The next meeting is Sept. 27th, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is open to those suffering from chronic dizziness associated with disorders including Meniere's Disease, Acoustic Neuroma, Perilymph Fistula (PLF), Bilateral Paroxysmal Positional Nystagmus (BPPN), Endolymphatic Hydrops, Trigeminal Neuralgia, and Labyrinthitis; family and friends are also welcome. Meetings are conducted the last Wednesday of each month, and are free of charge.

For more information, call Lois Osetek, M.S., CCC/A, at (413) 748-6840.

Diabetes Support At Noble Hospital Set For September 25th

The Noble Hospital Diabetes Support Group led by Betty Prenosil, RN, CDE, will meet on Monday, Sept. 25th, at 1:00 p.m. in Noble Hospital's Conference Room A on the ground floor.

The Diabetes Support Group is free and open to individuals with diabetes and their spouse or support persons. Registration is not necessary.

For more information about the diabetes support group, please call the Community Relations Department at Noble Hospital at 568-2811, ext. 5577.

Hearing Center To Visit Agawam Senior Center On Sept. 29th

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct a free hearing screening and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, September 29th, at 9:00 a.m.

For more information and/or to make reservations, call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Chiropractic Care
by
Dr. Tami Nelson
Chiropractic Physician
Hampden County
Chiropractic
850 Springfield St.
Feeding Hills
786-4820

Another Case History

Here is another exciting case history from one of our patients:

1. What was your health problem?

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2. Describe what chiropractic has done for you.

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3. How have you shared this experience with others?

I have told all of my friends and relatives how much chiropractic has helped me.

4. What would you suggest to someone with a similar problem?

Do not hesitate to call Dr. Nelson's office for an appointment.

5. Additional comments:

My family doctor was unable to help me beyond giving me medication. If you have a health problem, call to see if your condition can be helped by chiropractic.

Better Breathers Slate Next Monthly Meeting For Sept. 27th

Better Breathers, a monthly pulmonary support group, will conduct its monthly meeting Sept. 27th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital.

The group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy in conjunction with the American Lung Association, invites people with lung disease and their families to attend the afternoon of sharing and learning about living with lung disease. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Linda Chastain, (413) 748-9610.

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Springfield Symphony To Begin '95 With New Director, New Directions

From Beethoven to Broadway, the upcoming season of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra has something for every taste. Entitled "New Directions," this will be the inaugural season for the Orchestra's new Music Director, Mark Russell Smith.

Thanks to the overwhelmingly positive response from the Search Committee, musicians, staff, and audience members, Maestro Smith was awarded the position of Music Director at the end of last season after a year-long, nationwide search. The variety of musical selections that will be performed throughout the year will give audiences the chance to observe Smith's conducting talent in many different settings.

According to Susan Davison, Executive Director of the Symphony, "Mark's youthful enthusiasm, artistic integrity, and strong musical background are a wonderful combination. We think that his excitement will infect everyone—it's already boosting subscriptions!"

The year's calendar includes a full classical schedule; Broadway, jazz, and a unique Halloween concert in the Pops series; a traditional holiday concert with the Symphony Chorus, as well as other special events.

GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES

The classical series will include pieces representing six countries and spanning three centuries. Favorites from Mozart, Beethoven, and Brahms are highlighted, as well as masterworks by Shostakovich, Dvorak, and Schumann.

The Great Performers Series guests artists will be pianists Claude Frank and Lilian Kallir; violinist Gregory Fulkerson; flautist Carol Wincenc and harpist Nancy Allen; cellist Daniel Gaisford; and the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio. Also appearing on stage with the Symphony will be soprano Ruth Golden, baritone Robert Honeysucker, and the Springfield Symphony Chorus.

During the 1995-96 season the SSO will perform audience favorites, including Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, Beethoven's *Violin Concerto* as well as his *Triple Concerto* for violin, cello, and piano, Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 10*, Mozart's *Symphony No. 40*, Dvorak's *Cello Concerto*, and Brahms' *German Requiem*.

GUESTS, PROGRAMS, & PERFORMANCE DATES

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra and

pianists **Claude Frank** and **Lilian Kallir** will open the 1995-96 season on **October 14th** with Mozart's *Concerto for Two Pianos*. The program will also include Stravinsky's powerful *Firebird Suite* and Kodaly's festive *Galanta Dances*. The concert is sponsored by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance.

The season continues on **November 11th** with a concert that gives listeners the opportunity to hear masterworks by two giants of the compositional world. Violin virtuoso **Gregory Fulkerson** will perform Beethoven's only *Violin Concerto*, and the Orchestra will complete the program with Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 10*. American Saw & Mfg. Co. is sponsoring this concert.

December 2nd features an all-Mozart program highlighted by flautist **Carol Wincenc** and harpist **Nancy Allen's** performance of the *Concerto for flute & harp*. Mozart's *Divertimento in D major, K. 251* and immortal *Symphony No. 40* will also be included in this concert, which is sponsored by Glenmeadow Retirement Community and The Wood Family Foundation.

Cellist **Daniel Gaisford**, one of the most talked about young cellists in music today, will perform Dvorak's *Cello Concerto* with the Orchestra on **February 10, 1996**. Bartok's *Divertimento* and Smetana's *The Moldau* will also be on the program, which is sponsored by The Wood Family Foundation.

Soprano **Ruth Golden** and baritone **Robert Honeysucker** will join the Symphony Chorus and Orchestra on **March 23rd** for an evening of Brahms. The focus of the concert will be a performance of Brahms' immortal *German Requiem*, prefaced by the same composer's *Tragic Overture*.

The Great performers series finishes with an appearance by the renowned **Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio**. The Orchestra will perform a unique short piece by Ives, *The Unanswered Question*, and Schumann's emotional *Symphony No. 2*, and the Trio will join them for Beethoven's *Concerto for violin, cello, and piano ("Triple")*. This concert is sponsored by the *Union News/Sunday Republican*, with special support by The Wood Family Foundation.

Classical Conversations

Informal talks about these concerts are presented one hour before each Great Performers Concert at Old First Church in Court Square.



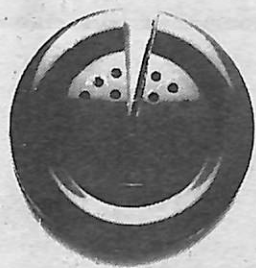
MARK RUSSELL SMITH

Classical Conversations is hosted by Maestro Mark Russell Smith and is free and open to the public.

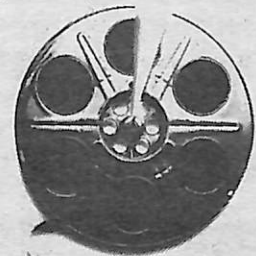
POPS SERIES FULL OF FAVORITES

The Pops Series opens on **October 28th** with an All Hallows Eve costume party. The music will include suitably chilling excerpts from works by Stravinsky, Berlioz, Mussorgsky, the score to the movie *Psycho*, and others. The Orchestra will be decked out in full costume, and the audience is invited to follow suit. This concert is co-sponsored by Balise Lexus and Filene's, with media sponsors WMAS AM/FM and *The Springfield and Valley Advocate*.

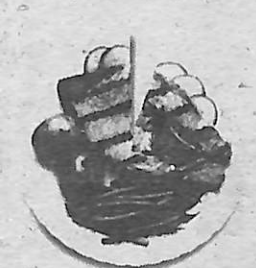
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SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY - from Page 28

Guest conductor **Ron Feldman**, Assistant Conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra, will lead the Orchestra in two performances of the traditional **Holiday Pops** concert on **December 9th and 10th**, sponsored by Northwestern Mutual, John C. Otto Co., Inc., and Health New England.

Pianist **Jeffrey Biegel** comes to tickle the ivories on **March 9, 1996** in an all-American jazz concert featuring an Anderson festival for the first half of the program and a Gershwin Gala for the second half featuring Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. This concert is sponsored by BayBank and The Frank Stanley Beveridge Foundation.

The Pops season concludes with **Bravo Broadway II**, a continuation of the Orchestra's popular *Bravo Broadway* program presented during the 1993-94 season. This celebration of music from the Broadway Stage will feature Broadway stars **Jan Horvath, Michael McGuire, and Ron Raines** (star on the popular soap opera "The Guiding Light"). The concert is sponsored by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance and media sponsor WHYN AM/FM.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Orchestra is proud to announce a new collaboration with African-American composer **Walter Robinson** in a concert presentation entitled *From Ashes to Hope: A Black-Jewish Musical Commemoration*. A preview performance of Robinson's work was held in June 1995 at WNEC. Funding for the season performance is still being developed.

A holiday season performance of Handel's *Messiah* will be presented on **Wednesday and Thursday, December 13th and 14th**, in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Chamber Choir. The Wednesday concert will be held at the UMASS Fine Arts Center, and the Thursday performance (sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand) at Symphony Hall.

The Orchestra's second annual Family Concert, *Tubby the Tuba*, will be held **Sunday, January 21, 1996**. Also, two children's concerts will be presented as part of *Music Matters*, the Orchestra's youth education program for elementary students, on **Wednesday, November 15th**, and **Wednesday, April 24, 1996**.

TICKET INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Season tickets may be ordered through the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 75 Market Place, Springfield, MA 01103. To order by phone, call (413) 733-2291, Monday through Friday, between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Orders may

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Spotlight Four Series: \$20 to \$114 (senior and student rates \$75).

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While subscriptions offer substantial discounts off single ticket prices and other special benefits, individual ticket purchasing allows listeners the freedom to sample a variety of Symphony performances.

Individual Ticket Prices:

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All Hallows Eve: \$6 to \$33 (17 and under, half price).

Musical Giants: \$6 to \$33.

The Magic of Mozart: \$6 to \$33.

Holiday Pops: \$6 to \$33, Saturday; \$6 to \$30, Sunday (17 and under, half price).

Handel's Messiah: \$15, General Admission; Seniors, \$10; and 17 and under, \$5.

Tubby the Tuba: \$10, General Admission; 17 and under, \$5.

Musical Snapshots: \$6 to \$33.

Jazz On The Ivories: \$6 to \$33.

Brahms-German Requiem: \$6 to \$33.

Bravo Broadway 2: \$6 to \$33.

Fantastic Finishers: \$6 to \$33.

Chorus Recitals: \$12, General Admission; 17 and under, \$6.

Group Rates:

For groups of 10 or more, receive a 25 percent discount from the single ticket price. Available for all concerts.

Financial assistance for all Springfield Symphony concerts is provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Thirteen Past Midnight To Open Season For Westfield Theatre

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, announces its show for the opening of their 1995-1996 season. The group will present "Thirteen Past Midnight," a comedy murder-mystery written by Billy St. John. The show will be directed by Jay Ducharme, who was last seen on the Westfield stage as Jud in "Oklahoma."

The show features a cast of 16, and takes place at the home of soap opera producer Victor Winslow, featuring the cast of "Hold Back the Night." Victor has invited the cast and crew to his home to participate in an at-home murder mystery game that he has designed. Fun and games turn to reality, however, when someone turns up murdered.

The cast includes some veterans of the Westfield Theatre Stage, including Bob Laviolette, Dick Sullivan, Bob Martin, Louise James, Roxanne Buzzee, and Kathleen Palmer. New members include Megan Doss, Kathryn Levey, David Owen, Heather Sullivan, and Aaron Fay, along with Monica Locklin, Mary Cusak, Carol Sebastian, Mike Tesini, and Wayne Robertson.

The show will run on Friday and Saturday, October 27th and 28th and Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th at 8:00 p.m., with a special matinee on November 4th at 2:00 p.m. The show is supported in part by the Westfield Arts Council, a local agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students/seniors. They can be reserved by calling 572-6838. The Box Office will be open Monday through Thursdays, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting October 9th. All performances will be held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street.

Encore Players Plan Tryouts For Musical On Oct. 3rd & 4th

The ENCORE PLAYERS will hold tryouts for *Something's Afoot*, a musical murder spoof, to be directed by Waldo Goodermote.

Tryouts will be on October 3rd and 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the lower level of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield (near the Serv-U Hardware Stores).

There are roles for six men and four women. Actors are requested to bring their sheet music for the tryouts. Production will take place in March 1996.

You turn our pages each week for all the hometown news

Star Spangled Evening Planned By Agawam Cultural Council

The Agawam Cultural Council welcomes all to a star spangled evening that celebrates one of America's great musical traditions. The Springfield Chordsmen, a barbershop chorus, will perform in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 6th.

The concert is free to the public.

The Springfield Chordsmen joins voices in four-part harmony in a musical style that has its roots at the turn of the century. Part of a 35,000 member international society, the Springfield Chordsmen

has been entertaining our area for 25 years.

Their voices connect American to American, generation to generation. This year, 14 year-old Joshua Roman joins with his father and grandfather to sing the close harmony that is the style so familiar to us all.

Don't miss the chance to hear the sound of America singing. Join us at the library on October 6th at 7:30 p.m. The love of singing that brings together this group of 35 men will make you glad you did.

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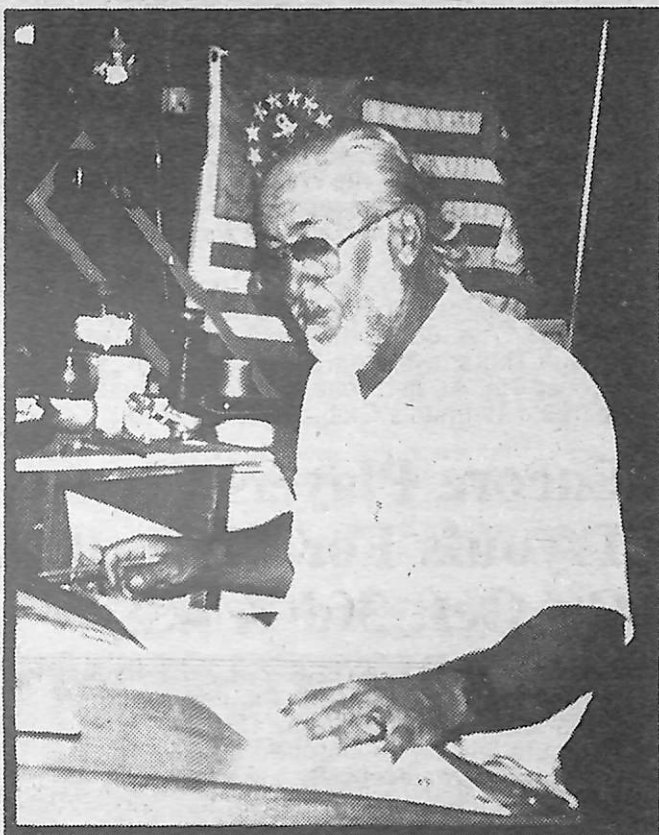
Merullo Artwork Now On Display At Ag. Post Office

For the month of September, the featured artist at the Agawam Post Office, Suffield Street, is Ralph Merullo. He is a member of the Agawam Community Artists (under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council) and formerly a teacher at the Agawam High School and Junior High School.

Ralph has fond memories of his teaching years in our town and has many friends in the area. He opened the new season of the Agawam Community Artists group by giving an interesting lecture and demonstration on the subject of caricatures.

The group's meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Captain Leonard House at 7:00 p.m., and they are open to the public at no charge. Each month, a special artist or artisan is featured along with a short business meeting.

The club is now open to any artist or artisan, and is now planning its yearly exhibit at the Agawam Library. Join next month, and you will be able to exhibit your artwork as a current member.



ARTIST RALPH MERULLO

Riverside Park Seeking Dancers & Actors For Spooky Halloween

Riverside Park will be holding auditions for dancers and actors for a major "Halloween Spooktacular" on Saturday, September 23rd, at 9:30 a.m.

Auditions will be held at Park Studios, 1036 Suffield Street, Agawam. Positions are for weekend employment for professional as well as amateur actors and actresses. Adult character actors are welcome.

Dancers, bring tap shoes and wear dance clothing for the audition. Applicants must be 16 or older and available for rehearsals and weekend shows through October 29th.

For additional information, call (413) 786-0790. Riverside Park is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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THE DRAWINGS ABOVE are part of the exhibit by Agawam artist Ralph Merullo now on display at the Agawam Post Office.

ATTENTION ALL CANDIDATES: We would appreciate any press releases, letters to the editor, or political ads each Monday, beginning on September 25th.

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TIM PICKELL

Tim Pickell Concert At Ag. Church Of Bible On Sunday, Sept. 24th

The Agawam Church of the Bible will host Tim Pickell in concert on Sunday, September 24th.

Tim is a singer/songwriter from Michigan and will be performing in Agawam as part of a New England tour. The concert will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Agawam Junior High School auditorium on Springfield St. (across from the Stop & Shop store).

Everyone is invited to attend this concert of contemporary, encouraging music. For directions or more information, call the church at 786-7908.

Best local news...



ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

He's Playing Their Song!

As important as the visual is in a motion picture is the music. Music alone sets the tone of a picture. Action movies utilize upbeat tempos to accent the action on the screen. Love stories use the ever-powerful ballad and other more romantic themes. Horror films use eerie and mysterious themes to accentuate fear.

Unknown by many, the soundtrack of a film is quite complex. One of the most beloved and talented composers Hollywood has ever birthed is John Williams. His powerful compositions have been presented in countless Hollywood blockbusters.

His early days as a composer for film were not quite as notable as his later works. His groundbreaking composition was in 1975 when he composed the soundtrack for *Jaws*. His ominous theme was the shark for the first half of the film. He went on to compose music for such films as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Star Wars*, *Superman The Movie*, *E.T.*, *Always*, *Home Alone*, and *Jurassic Park*.

One of the aspects of a film soundtrack that many do not realize is that not only is there a main theme, but many sub-themes. These sub-themes are composed for the different characters in a film. For instance, in *Superman The Movie*, Superman had his theme, Lois Lane had a theme, Lex Luthor had a theme, etc.

It is interesting to note that what Williams does is intermingle the characters' themes. For example, in *Jaws*, Sheriff Brody had a theme, Robert

Shaw's Quint had a theme, and Dreyfuss' Hooper had a theme. In scenes where two characters were present, oftentimes you'd hear a composition including both characters' theme. Each sub-theme is combined together. This technique is used in many films.

Believe it or not, there are times where actual objects have their own themes also. For example, in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, the "mother ship" had its own theme, as did the Devil's Peak mountain. In *Jaws*, the boat named "Orca" had its own theme.

Themes play an important role in film because they subconsciously condition an audience. *Jaws'* theme scared you, *Superman The Movie's* main theme excited you, and *Close Encounters'* alien theme mesmerized you; these are but a few prime examples.

Imagine a film such as *Jurassic Park* without theme music. Most of the impact would be lost. Music is very important to film because the perfect combination between audio and video will appeal to the human senses. These types of films are the memorable ones.

Since film began, the monsters like King Kong and Godzilla had very threatening music; the Wicked Witch's theme in the classic *The Wizard of Oz* is also an example of a memorable theme; the Norman Bates character from *Psycho* had spine-chilling music; the examples are endless...

Next time you watch a movie, pay special attention to what themes are playing during specific scenes. You'll be amazed.

John Williams started the modern-day "orchestral movie soundtrack," and many have followed suit. Such composers as Elliot Goldenthal, Michael Kamen, and Danny Elfman (*Batman*) are modern-day examples.

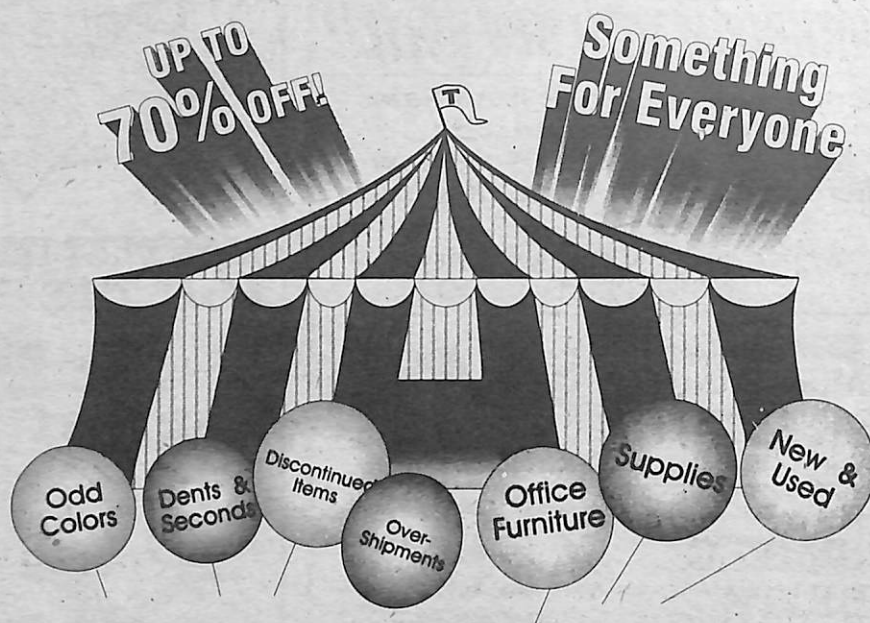
Hopefully, movies can now be a feast for your eyes as well as music to your ears.

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: I want to know what you think of *Pisano's Picks ... On Video*. Send your suggestions, comments, etc., to me in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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22 The "Brat" of baseball
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38 Swear to
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40 Monica of tennis
41 Play segment
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44 Made well
45 Regretted
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51 Baseball family name
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5 Heavy wire
6 Presidential name
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8 Mork's planet
9 Eased up
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11 College V.I.P.
12 Clammy
13 "Forever and ——"
18 Shortstop Pee Wee
23 "Give and —"
25 "— to" (came to a halt)
26 "— one's soul"
27 Colorado park
28 U. of the U.N.
29 Stories
30 Cottonmouth
31 Busy bee
32 Added to the woodpile
34 Heaped up
37 Wire
38 "— above the rest" (better)
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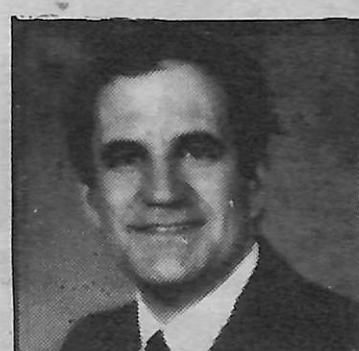
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Television And Kids...

Working Toward A New, Sophisticated Media Literate Generation

by Russell H. Stephens
Senior Vice President of
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From Washington to Hollywood, political leaders and programming producers are grappling with how best to address parents' concerns about television's impact on their children, particularly the issue of TV violence.

In sweeping telecommunications reform legislation recently passed by both houses of Congress, new technology is required that would allow parents to block from their TV screens programs receiving violence ratings devised by the television industry.

With the proper flexibility built in for parents, Continental Cablevision and the cable television industry have endorsed the legislation. Our major national cable networks also have initiated "Voices Against Violence," in which they have devised a violence rating system, have pledged to practice responsible scheduling, will use an outside monitor to report on the networks' efforts, are producing programming to combat violence, and are participating in education efforts.

As one of the nation's largest operators of local cable television systems, we at Continental Cablevision applaud and support their initiative—not only because we deliver that network programming directly into the homes of more than three-million families, but also because we are parents ourselves.

However, we are concerned that the glare of the spotlight on violence may be obscuring larger, more daunting challenges.

Television plays an enormous role in the lives of children, teaching, entertaining, and influencing them. How can we ensure that they learn the right things from TV, and that its influence is a positive one?

We must work with children to manage the amount of television they watch; to help them make good viewing decisions; to teach them how to watch TV actively and critically; and to help them understand and analyze the messages television is sending them.

These are things that cannot be accomplished in Washington or Hollywood. They require an innovative new partnership among experts in the media, educators in our schools, and parents in their homes.

We as cable system operators are closer to the communities and families we serve than virtually any other media companies and, therefore, have a unique opportunity—and responsibility—to initiate and nurture these partnerships to create a new "media literate" generation.

Continental is doing just that through a national initiative called "A Different View: Changing the Way Kids See TV." As part of that effort, we are putting a complete "toolbox" of media literacy resources into the hands of parents, children, and teachers, and working with them directly on how to use them most effectively.

Among the tools being provided:

* **Better Viewing**, a bimonthly guide that offers parents help on teaching children to watch television more selectively, actively, and critically; advice on how to reduce the impact of violence and commercialism; tips on using TV as a springboard to family discussion and reading; and a comprehensive guide to quality television programs, by age group.

* **"Master Control,"** an entertaining 30-minute video which shows eight to 13 year-olds how they can take control of their TV viewing. The video is accompanied by discussion guides and lesson plans for use by parents and teachers.

* **Curriculum material** and training to help schools in Continental's service area build media literacy into their students' education. Included will be a video on media analysis and education concepts produced by Dr. Renee Hobbs of Harvard University's Institute on Media Education and sponsored by Continental Cablevision and the cable TV industry's national Cable in the Classroom organization.

* **Use of Continental's community television staff and studios** around the country to incorporate media literacy training into workshops they currently offer young people teaching them how to produce television programs. Continental also will help schools that offer video production courses do the same thing, including a lesson plan and workbooks.

* **Encouraging the use of free parental control devices** made available by Continental to block from home TV screens channels parents deem inappropriate for their children.

* **In cooperation with national and local parent-teacher organizations**, the presentation of community "Critical Viewing Workshops" during which parents can share concerns about TV and children, and learn new strategies for helping their families use television more selectively and productively.

We hope that by outlining the steps Continental is taking, other media companies, schools and parent groups will be encouraged to take up the mission to create a "media literate" generation—a mission that takes on even more critical importance as young people are faced with navigating the traffic jam of information and messages coming their way on the "information superhighway" in the years ahead. We will gladly share our ideas and experience with any organization interested in becoming involved.

In the meantime, we offer parents who wish to make a start now with their children the following media literacy precepts from Continental's *Better Viewing* guide:

- * TV has a point of view—Challenge it.
- * TV isn't real life—Spot the illusions.
- * TV manipulates—Identify its techniques and your reactions.
- * TV is limited—Guess what was left out.
- * TV is a business—Understand your economic role, and power, as a viewer.

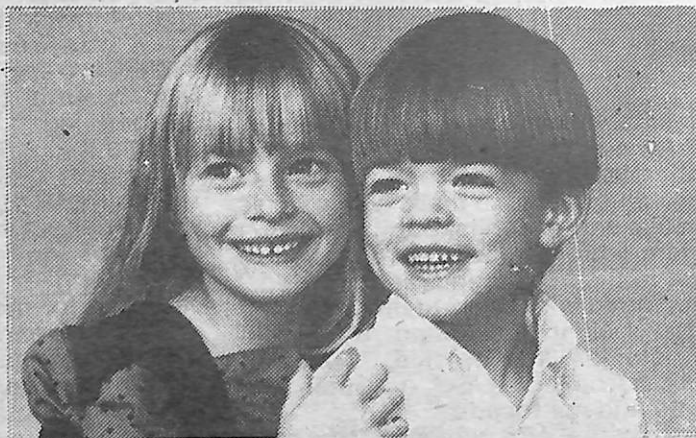
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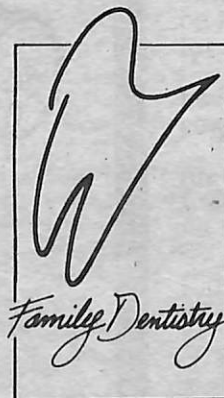
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Education

AFS Foreign Students Learning The Ropes At Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

As it has been for more than 20 years, Agawam High School is once again welcoming a group of foreign students traveling under the auspices of the American Intercultural Programs (AFS).

AFS is the largest student-teacher exchange program in the world.

In August, the four AFS students packed their bags in Asia, Europe, and South America, bade farewell to friends and family, and arrived in Agawam to spend one year as American high school seniors living with host families in the community.

While they may come from different parts of the world, the four teens share many of the same opinions on what they've experienced so far living with their new families and attending AHS. Kids being kids the world over, much of what they had to say echoes the feelings of the majority of their new American schoolmates.

So far, the AFS students agreed everyone at the High School is friendly and the teachers are helpful, but there isn't enough time between classes, there is barely enough time to eat lunch, and they are constantly rushing all day. The American teens can only dream about the 10 minute breaks between classes and the longer lunch periods reported by the AFS students back in their homelands.

This year's AFS students are **Brigitte Blum** of Bern, Switzerland; **Katia Prolongeau** of Bordeaux, France; **Ginkoew Klaewvigkium** of Bangkok, Thailand; and **Marcos Damus** of Encarnacion, Paraguay. All four agreed they wanted to come to the U.S. as students to improve their English, have new experiences, and learn more about American culture.

Not Prepared For Demands Of Sports

While the three girls were not prepared for the demands of training for varsity sports or the fiercely competitive nature of American sports and opted out of playing field hockey, Marcos loves being part of the varsity soccer team. "Every guy in my team is my friend," Marcos said.

At 18, Marcos is the oldest of the AFS group and will graduate from high school after four months of study when he returns to Paraguay. Marcos intends to attend university and become a doctor.

Living with Philip & Christine Machos of Glendale Road and their family is different from his home in Paraguay, but Marcos expected that.

"I believe every family in the U.S. is different and every family in Paraguay is different," Marcos explained.

"My relationship with my family is excellent," Marcos said. "No problems!"

With an enthusiastic smile, Marcos admitted there are many adjustments to make between his own and American eating habits. But that doesn't seem to interfere with Marcos' determination to enjoy "one year in the best country in the world."

Marcos is hoping to join the ski team this winter and to play baseball in the spring. Busy with sports and his studies, Marcos said, "I have no time to miss much from home. But, of course, I do miss my parents and my friends."

The youngest of the AFS group is Ginkoew Klaewvigkium, 16, who is living with Pat & Donna Decoteau and their children on Mill Street, Feeding Hills.

So far, Ging is enjoying the cooler climate of New England and is determined not to be homesick.

"Before I came I said to myself, you decided to come here and don't be homesick," Ging said.

While the adjustment to American food is probably the greatest for Ging, she was glad to see rice on the menu at the Decoteaus.

One thing she doesn't miss from home: traffic jams. "It's very different here, the traffic is not so bad. When we have a traffic jam, you spend a lot of time in the road."

Ging said she enjoys going to school even though the hustle and bustle of changing classes is different for her.

"I'm enjoying pottery the most because I do good," Ging said. "American history is very hard because the teacher speaks so fast and it's all new to me and it's a lot of work."

Typically, Ging spends about four hours a night on her homework. "I read U.S. history every night," Ging said. "And the dictionary is next to me."

Ging said she would like to play basketball this winter.

Ging will finish her high school education in Thailand before going on to college as a business



AGAWAM HIGH AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS students (AFS) and their faculty advisor, **Mary Ellen Bruce** (left). Students are **Brigitte Blum**, Bern, Switzerland; **Ginkoew Klaewvigkium**, Bangkok, Thailand; **Katia Prolongeau**, Bordeaux, France; and **Marcos Damus**, Encarnacion, Paraguay. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Seventeen year-old Katia Prolongeau is the third AFS European student to make her home with Pat & Karen Asta-Ferrero and their children on North Street, Agawam.

Not only is Katia finding school to be different, but the rules American parents impose on teens seem much stricter.

"In France it was a different life," Katia said. "I have friends who are older than me (20 to 25) and I can go out whenever I want. I just have to tell my mother. Here, I get the impression that parents worry more about friends and going out."

First Few Days Hectic Ones

Like most AHS students, Katia found the first few days hectic with little time for eating lunch and stopping at her locker. By the second week of school things were going much more smoothly, but some of the rules seemed incomprehensible.

"The teachers are very nice, but I can't understand some of the rules like getting a pass to the bathroom," Katia said.

Katia said a friend who had visited the U.S. as an AFS student got her interested in the program. "I wanted to learn more English and begin a new life," Katia said.

Already a high school graduate at home, Katia plans to enter a two-year college program when she returns to France. She will study languages and business courses to become a secretary/translator. In addition to English and French, Katia speaks German and Spanish and has enrolled in Italian class this year.

Katia hopes to join the tennis team in the spring.

Like Katia, Brigitte Blum, 17, is spending her year with a veteran AFS host family. Dan & Lee Lacienski of South West Street welcomed Brigitte as their fourth exchange student with a backyard barbecue for friends and family in August.

Proudly wearing the Louisville, Kentucky tee-shirt her new dad picked up on a recent business trip, Brigitte said life in Agawam is similar to her village, 15 minutes outside the Swiss capitol. "I like it here. The people are very nice," Brigitte ad-

ded.

With all of her new siblings older, Brigitte finds family life a "little different, but it's O.K. I like (my new sister) Beth very much."

While school is "good" for Brigitte, the few weeks before school started were the most fun, with trips to Boston, New York (twice), Yankee Candle Company in Deerfield, and Riverside Park. "The World Trade Center (observation deck) was the most fun," Brigitte said. "It was great! You can see all the tall buildings."

After her year in Agawam, Brigitte plans to spend four years at a teachers' training college preparing for a career as an elementary school teacher.

As the advisor for the AFS students and the High School's AFS Club, Mary Ellen Bruce said the students had settled in with their new families and were off to a good start. "Everything is going very well," Ms. Bruce said. "The kids are happy and the families are happy and that makes me happy."

Ms. Bruce said having the foreign students at the High School is big plus for all the students. The American teens benefit by learning more about different cultures around the world, especially during Foreign Language Week when the AFS kids serve as guest speakers in the language classes, Ms. Bruce said.

AFS Club Co-President Selena Machia said the turnout for the first few AFS meetings was disappointing because there are no morning announcements to make the students aware of meeting times. Selena said club members would be putting up posters around the school to advertise their meetings. The meetings are held in Room 46 and will likely be held on Thursdays to take advantage of the late bus service, Selena said.

The Agawam Chapter of AFS is hosting a community welcome for the students and their families on Sunday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street. Townspeople are welcome.

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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Important Information For AHS Seniors

On Friday, September 15th, I met with the senior class in an assembly format and disseminated a great deal of information about their educational planning during the 1995-96 school year.

I am including in this article the same information that I discussed with seniors. Please share this material with your child. They also have a copy of the same information.

Every week I will write about concerns parents have in the senior planning program. Also, I will include a copy of the Guidance Bulletin, which is published weekly; it is posted in every office and classroom in the school. It is the vital communication among the students, parents, and counselor.

The Guidance Bulletin contains information about college conferences, open houses, scholarships, etc.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' TIMETABLE

- September**
- Register for the November SAT I or SAT II.
 - Narrow college choices.
 - Personal interview with counselor (Sept., Oct., Nov.).
 - Write for college applications.
 - Check announcements and sign up for college representative visits.
 - Check your senior schedule.

- October**
- Personal interview with counselor.
 - College Night at Cathedral High School.
 - Early Decision, Early Action deadlines (October 1st-15th, November 1st-15th).
 - Apply for December SAT I or SAT II.
 - Attend college representative meetings.
 - Review transcript with counselor.
 - Ask teachers for recommendation (if needed).
 - October SAT I & SAT II given at Agawam High School.

- November**
- SAT I & SAT II tests at Agawam High School.
 - Register for January SAT I or SAT II.
 - Personal interview with counselor.
 - End of first marking period.
 - Completed College Applications due in Guidance Office by December 1, 1995.

- December**
- SAT I or SAT II test given at Longmeadow H.S. or Central H.S.
 - Check application deadlines - counselors need your applications at least two weeks before deadline.

- Barr Scholarship deadline (December 20th).
 - "Financial Aid Night" for parents and students at high school.
 - Obtain FAF (Financial Aid Form) - December 14, 1995.
- January**
- Observe Financial Aid deadlines.
 - College application deadline.
 - Begin preparing FAF with parents.

- February**
- Mid-year reports sent to colleges (if needed).
 - New class rank (end of first semester).

- March**
- Local Scholarship Fair - over 75 organizations represented.
 - Has your FAF been mailed?

- April**
- Local scholarship applications due by April 1, 1996.
 - Notification of college acceptances and rejections.
 - Visit the college of your choice before final decision.
 - Report all communications from colleges to your counselor.
 - Apply for a summer job.

- May**
- Notify those schools you have decided not to attend.
 - Send your Pell Grant SAR to your chosen college. Keep a copy for your records.

- June**
- High School graduation.
 - Orientation programs at chosen colleges.
 - Good luck.

TESTING DATES FOR SAT I & SAT II

Test Date - October 14, 1995:

Given at Agawam High School; tests offered—SAT I/SAT II; regular registration deadline—September 15, 1995; late registration deadline—September 16th-22nd.

Test Date - November 4, 1995:

Given at Agawam High School; tests offered—SAT I/SAT II; regular registration deadline—September 29, 1995; late registration deadline—September 30th thru October 11th.

Test Date - December 2, 1995:

Tests offered—SAT I/SAT II; regular registration deadline—October 7, 1995; late registration deadline—October 8th thru November 8th.

Test Date - January 7, 1996:

Tests offered—SAT I/SAT II; regular registration deadline—December 1, 1995; late registration deadline—December 2nd thru January 3rd.

Test Date - March 24, 1996:

Test offered—SAT I only; regular registration deadline—February 16, 1996; late registration deadline—February 17th-28th.

Test Date - May 4, 1996:

Given at Agawam High School; tests offered—SAT I/SAT II; regular registration deadline—March 29, 1996; late registration deadline—March 30th thru April 10th.

Test Date - June 1, 1996:

Tests offered—SAT I/SAT II; regular registration deadline—April 6, 1996; late registration deadline—April 7th thru May 8th.

(NOTE: The SAT II is the old Achievement Test;

Agawam High School School Code No. 220005; Agawam High School Test Center No. 22-108.)

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL - GUIDANCE (Checklist for Seniors)

I. Application Procedure:

A. All applications to institutions of higher learning will be processed in the guidance office. A completed application along with the application fee (if required) must be given to the guidance counselor. A stamped, addressed envelope (two stamps) to the institution must be included. We do not provide postage. Any teacher recommendation will be included with the transcripts.

II. College Information:

A. Research colleges that have your desired program - ex. *College Handbook, College Costs, Index of Majors.*

B. College catalogs are available for your personal use in the guidance office - may be taken overnight.

C. Applications for local & state colleges are available in the guidance office. Must mail for others.

D. Recommend that student applies to three colleges: 1) a longshot; 1) middle; 1) a sure thing.

E. College conferences - The guidance office bulletin lists the names of colleges that will be visiting our school. Sign-up in the guidance office for the desired conference. Pick up the pass on the day of the conference.

F. If unable to attend the conference, read the college catalog and write to the school. Be on the lookout for College Nights (October - big month, held at Cathedral and HCC).

G. Check with college to see what kind of CEEB tests are required. Consult with your guidance counselor.

H. CLEP exams. AP exams.

I. Visit colleges of interest in the fall.

III. Guidance Bulletin:

Guidance Bulletin is very important. It is the communication link between the student and his/her counselor. It lists information regarding *College Conferences, Scholarships, Open Houses, SATS*, etc.

Since announcements on the P.A. will be limited to once a week, it is imperative that you read the Guidance Bulletin. It is published every Friday and posted in every classroom, the main office, and the guidance office.

IV. Financial Aid:

A. F.A.F. (Financial Aid Form). Not available until December; cannot be filed with CSS until January 1, 1996.

B. Mass. State Scholarship Programs.

C. Scholarships - ongoing (will be listed in the guidance bulletin). A local scholarship fair will be held in March 1996.

D. Regional, State, and National Scholarships listed on the guidance bulletin board.

E. Loans - check with the bank parents do business with.

V. Release Forms:

Your transcript will not be sent to a college, school, or an employer, unless you sign the release form. If you request a transcript, it will be stamped UNOFFICIAL.

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VI. Biographical Sheet:

Must be submitted before senior interview takes place.

VII. Interview With Your Guidance Counselor.

Will be completed by November 1, 1995.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

September 15, 1995

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: To meet with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office. Students must pick up their passes on the day of the conference. They will not be delivered.

September 25th: Westfield State, 8:30; SUNY - Albany, 9:00; Newbury College, 1:00.

September 26th: Amherst, 9:30.

September 28th: Bentley, 10:00.

COLLEGE NIGHT: Cathedral High School invites all interested juniors and seniors and their parents to its annual College Night on Tuesday, October 3, 1995 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Representatives from over 150 colleges will be in attendance.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program: This extremely competitive program is open to students who are involved in a variety of extracurricular activities and who display strong leadership qualities. Deadline: October 31, 1995.

Host Family Sought For Visiting Teacher At Agawam High

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is currently seeking a host family for a visiting teacher (female) from a South American country from mid-January 1996 until the end of June.

The AFS Visiting Teacher Program has been a great success for Agawam AFS and for Agawam High School. Agawam AFS has sponsored three visiting teachers at AHS, including its most recent visiting teacher, Raquel Waldina Moreau from Argentina. Miss Moreau was hosted by David & Theresa Gallerani and Family of Agawam from January to June 1995.

The visiting teacher team-teaches at Agawam High School under the direction of foreign language teacher Mary Ellen Bruce (Spanish) and English teacher Lawrence O'Brien.

For further info, contact Al Machia, Agawam AFS Family Selection Committee chairman (786-0114) or Ric Sardella, chapter president (789-2005, evenings).

Henry Wells Scholarship: Available to students who plan to attend Wells College.

Lafayette College Marquis Scholarships: Non-need based aid to first-year Lafayette students.

North Adams State College: Awarded to academically deserving students who plan to attend North Adams.

Pine Manor College Massachusetts Resident Scholarship: Open to students with a 3.0 G.P.A. and/or 1,000 & SAT scores who plan to attend Pine Manor.

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for more information.

"Black Experience at Brown": A full visitation program for prospective African-American students. October 21-23, 1995.

Muhlenberg College: Will host an area information night and interviews on October 9, 1995 in Hartford, CT.

Elizabethtown College: Saturday, September 23rd, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lafayette College Engineering Open House: Friday, October 6th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's College/Maine: Friday, October 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Muhlenberg College: Saturday, October 21st, and Saturday, November 11th, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays at Westfield State: Open houses are October 25th, November 15th and 29th, and February 7th and 28th.

Westfield State College Open Houses: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, October 21st, November 18th, and February 10th.

Hartwick College Nursing School - Open House: Monday, October 9th, or Friday, November 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Back To School Night At Jr. High Sept. 25

Agawam Junior High School principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that a "Back-To-School Night" will be conducted for parents on Monday, September 25, 1995, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Parents are advised to meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m., where the evening's format will be explained and directions will be given to homerooms. Then, at 7:00 p.m., parents of seventh and eighth grade students will follow their child's daily schedule and meet with subject teachers in a classroom setting.

Mr. Littlefield suggests that parents bring their child's agenda/planner with them to "Back-To-School Night," since its usage will be reviewed and it contains their child's daily class schedule.

He explains that teacher presentations will highlight exactly what students have been told during their first class meetings. Included will be course expectations, homework, testing, project work, discipline, and attendance.

Mr. Littlefield points out that the brief meeting time will not allow parents to discuss personal aspects of their child's education with teachers. However, conference nights have been scheduled in the near future for that purpose.

School Dept. Hopes To Move On Additions

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The School Department's plan for renovations and additions at the four elementary schools and at the High School could be completed as early as September 1998, according to Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder.

In July, Ryder received state approval for School Building Assistance funding for the architectural plans submitted to the State Department of Education (DOE) in June.

Altogether, 142 projects were approved and were sorted into three categories for priority ranking. Safety-related projects and minority imbalance projects are Category 1; overcrowding projects are Category 2; and renovations and additions comprise Category 3.

Agawam's projects have been assigned to Category 2 and are ranked 61 (Phelps), 62 (Clark), 63 (Granger), 66 (Robinson), and 91 (High School) in the DOE's priority ranking system.

With 32 of the approved projects receiving funding this year, Ryder said he expects funds to be released for Agawam's elementary school projects in July 1996 (Fiscal Year 1997) if the state continues to appropriate funds for the School Building Assistance (SBA) program at current levels.

Assuming the funding is released next July, the School Department could put its projects out to bid in the winter of 1997. With two summers for construction, all five projects could be ready for the opening of school in 1998.

Although funding for the High School may not be released until July 1997, Ryder said the plan he has worked out with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson calls for a one-year construction loan in advance of receiving the state funds (in order to have the High School addition ready in 1998).

Under the present SBA program, Agawam qualifies for a 71 percent reimbursement rate and will receive about \$11 million of the \$17 million price tag.

Ryder said the overall plan for school expansion was to wait until the construction bond for the Junior High School was paid off before taking on additional bonding.

"The ideal was to avoid raising taxes," Ryder said. "By waiting until the Junior High bond was paid, this will hardly make a dent in the tax bills."

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Girls in Junior High and High School should call below to get more specific information. Girl Scouting for this age group offers many opportunities to explore leadership, careers, individual values, service projects, and other hands-on activities.

We are still in need of volunteer adults to act as co-leaders for many troops. Old troops fill up quickly with previous Girl Scouts, new ones are added on a first come, first served basis, and waiting lines are formed. New troops can only be started when we have an equivalent number of adults sign up, also.

No experience is necessary to help or lead a troop. A brief, free training session acquaints you with what you need to know. We are well aware that many women are working outside their home, have families, and other commitments. Therefore, you will be able to plan the time and place of your meetings around your own schedule and at your convenience.

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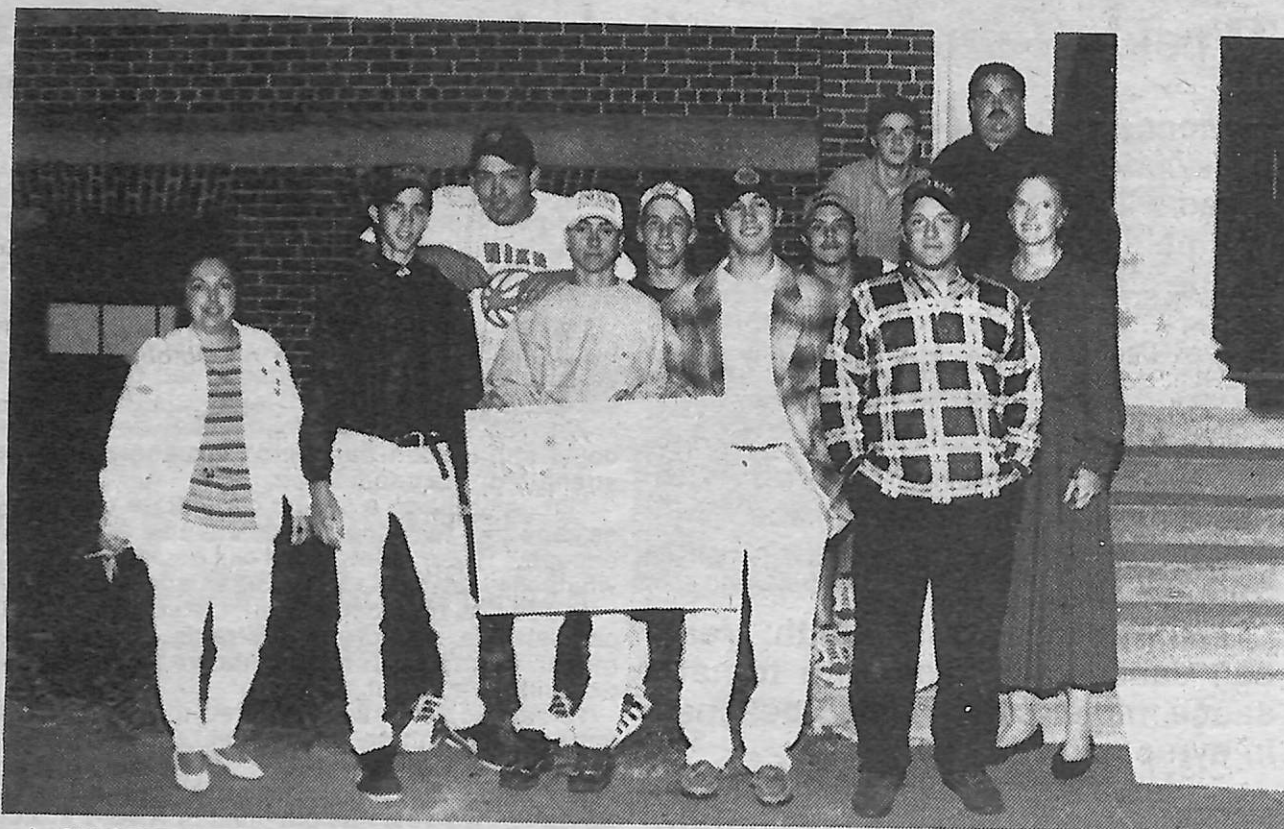
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Students, Parents Protest Guidance Issue



A GROUP OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS spoke before the Agawam School Committee at its September 12th meeting seeking the reinstatement of Alan Cohen as a guidance counselor at Agawam High School. Two of the parents who spoke were Nancy Melbourne (left) and Joanne McGeoghan (right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Five Town Students On Dean's List At Rensselaer For Spring Semester

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the names of students who made the Institute's dean's list for the spring semester. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C."

From the local area are:

From Agawam: **Brian William Brunelle** of 141 Suffield St., Agawam, a sophomore majoring in biology; **Scott Raymond Russell** of 756 Suffield St., Agawam, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

From Feeding Hills: **Matthew Alexander Toczko** of 60 Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills, a sophomore majoring in chemistry; **Tariq Yousef** of 78 Forest Hill Road, Feeding Hills, a sophomore majoring in biochemistry biophysics; **Jeffrey Wayne Henderson** of 33 Tom St., Feeding Hills, a sophomore majoring in biology.

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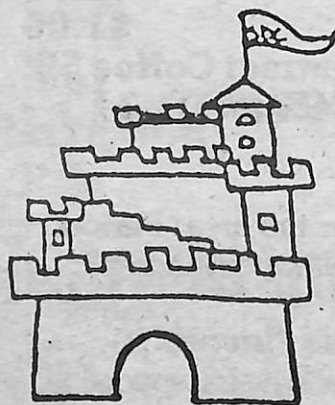
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23 Apply For Principal's Job At Agawam High; Committee To Be Named

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Even though he hasn't decided whether he will reopen the search for a new Agawam High School principal, Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder said he is in the process of appointing a committee to assist him in reviewing the candidates.

Ryder extended the September 15th deadline for applications until Monday, September 18th, to be sure the School Department had received all applications.

With 23 applications in hand, Ryder said he could still reopen the search, depending on the strength of the candidates.

"I'm appointing a search committee under the assumption that the 23 candidates are strong enough," Ryder said. "But, I will decide by Friday whether to advertise the position again."

In addition to Ryder himself, the committee will consist of a school administrator, a teacher, a parent, a community representative, and a School Committee member.

Teresa Kozloski was selected to serve as the School Committee's representative at their September meeting.

In August, Russell Furtado resigned his position after two years as principal of AHS. Furtado has accepted the position of principal of Nashoba High School in Bolton, MA, and will be dividing his time between the two schools until October 1st.

Deputy Principal Joseph Zabielski has been

serving as acting principal on the days Furtado is in Bolton, and will continue as acting principal until the position is filled.

On Thursday, September 14th, Zabielski and Dean of Students Bernadette Conte welcomed about 250 parents to the High School's Back To School Night.

Zabielski urged parents to get involved by volunteering to serve on a myriad of committees or to help with supervision during lunch, in the halls, or in monitoring the bathrooms.

Zabielski said AHS is a reflection of society, and it is unrealistic to expect some of the same problems occurring in society not to happen at the High School.

However, Zabielski said the school has excellent teachers and curriculum, and a sports program that is the envy of Western Massachusetts.

"We have everything your child could want to expand their horizons, discover new talents, and make new friends," Zabielski said.

Zabielski said he and Mrs. Conte are working as equal partners, taking a team approach to decision-making during the transition period.

At presstime, Ryder said he did not know how many of the 23 applications were from within the School Department.

"I haven't begun to sort through the applications," Ryder said. "At this point I've just counted them."

Agawam High Band Parents Schedule Annual Candy Drive For Sept. 23rd

On Saturday, September 23rd at 10:00 a.m., the Agawam High School Band Parents will be sponsoring its annual candy drive.

Band Parents support the band program by raising money to pay for many things: additional uniforms, instruments, spring trip, and now this year, for ALL the transportation costs of the band.

The Marching Mohawks have grown to over 90 members this year. Transporting them and all their equipment is an expensive undertaking. The experience gained by traveling to other competitions makes the music program stronger.

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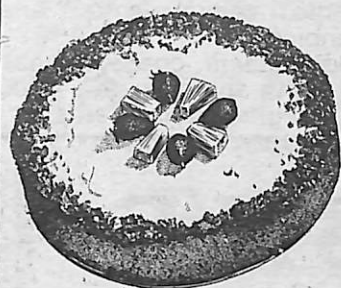
did from the Dixie Classics last spring. This year the Marching Mohawks, with your help, will travel to the following competitions:

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Horace Smith Fund Offers Scholarships

The Trustees of The Horace Smith Fund has announced that undergraduate scholarships amounting to \$20,000 will be awarded from The Walter S. Barr Donation to prospective students in the senior class of the secondary schools of Springfield, Chicopee, Ludlow, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Agawam, West Springfield, and Wilbraham.

These scholarships, made possible by the generous donation to the Fund by the late Mrs. Walter S. Barr, will assist students of promise to further their education in the scholastic year 1996-97. The awards are available for four years if the recipients maintain satisfactory grades and their need continues.

Seventy-nine undergraduate students are currently receiving financial assistance from The Barr Donation program. Application forms are available from the guidance offices of all eligible schools. Completed applications must be received in the office of The Horace Smith Fund no later than December 31, 1995.

Candidates are expected to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board on November 4 and December 2, 1995. They may submit any other examination scores which they wish to offer in support of their applications. Awards will be made by the Barr Scholarship Committee on the basis of all available information, including school records, recommendations, and the results of examinations (with special consideration given to the need of the candidates).

This is the 46th year of scholarship awards from The Barr Donation, which is a part of The Horace Smith Fund.

College Finances To Be Discussed On September 28th

College Financial Aid Night will be presented September 28th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel, Route 5, 1080 Riverdale St., West Springfield.

Financial Aid Advisor Chester R. Dziardziel will address the seven factors which determine a student's financial aid. The seminar will be of special interest to parents of all high school students going to college next year or later.

Mr. Dziardziel is an independent financial aid advisor who consults to families throughout the country. He is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

The seminar is free of charge. Seating is limited, so please call ahead (786-4470) to reserve space and a free information kit. If you would like to attend but are unable to on Sept. 28th, you may also call to find out about the next scheduled seminar.

Girl Scouts Seek New Members For 1995-1996 Season

Attention GIRLS and ADULTS! NOW is the time to join the Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Valley! Registration for all levels of Girl Scouting is now being held in area communities, with flyers being distributed through local public schools and libraries. Girls and adults interested in joining Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts may call the council office at 525-4124 or 1-800-639-7047.

Adult volunteers are also needed to support Girl Scouting in a number of capacities. Adults may serve as leaders, co-leaders, help at troop meetings, help with the cookie or calendar sales, assist with transportation, become trainers, assist with outdoor programs, or serve on committees and task groups. No talents are turned away!

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If you are interested, please leave your name at the Junior High office or call Donna M. Shibley at 786-3888.

If needed, elections will be held at the P.T.O. meeting on October 16th.

Thank you for your interest.

John Manning Begins First Year Studies At Hamilton College

John Manning, the son of John and Helen Manning of Oak Lane in Feeding Hills, recently began studies as a first-year student at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Manning was selected from more than 3,400 applications to the college and joins a class of 490 that has representation from 44 states and 41 countries.

An independent, highly selective, liberal arts college, Hamilton was founded in 1812 and is today among the oldest colleges in the U.S. It is named for Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the treasury, and features a strong curriculum in the humanities, the arts, the natural sciences, and the social sciences. The college is noted for the close interaction that takes place between faculty and students.

Approximately 1,670 students are enrolled at Hamilton.

Junior High School P.T.O. To Sponsor Book Fair Next Week

The Agawam Junior High School P.T.O. will sponsor its annual Book Fair on September 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th.

The group is requesting parental assistance to monitor the five-day event, which will take place in the school's main lobby from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time for a portion of the fundraiser should contact Donna Shibley at 786-3888.

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AMY MARIE BARBER

Amy Marie Barber Passes Pharmacy Boards Exam

Amy Marie Barber, RPH, daughter of Fred and Cindy Barber of Faymore Drive, Agawam, has passed her pharmacy boards exam and is a registered pharmacist, taking a position with CVS in Medford, MA.

The pharmacy board exam is a two-day national exam taken by all pharmacy graduates, and a grade of 75 percent or higher is required to receive a license to practice in Massachusetts.

Amy graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences in June. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Americo Malerba and Mrs. Barbara Barber of West Springfield.

Jr. High PTO Slates Annual Fundraiser For Sept. 25-Oct. 3

The Agawam Junior High School PTO will be holding its annual fundraiser from September 25th to October 3rd.

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Sports

Patterson, Hyland Lead Brownie Girls Over Chicopee, 5-3

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On Monday afternoon, the Chicopee High School girls' soccer team came into Harmon Smith Field, dragging a 0-3 record behind them. The Brownies, on the other hand, were 2-1 and fresh off an impressive, 6-1 victory over Northampton.

Agawam won it 5-3. But if you showed up and didn't know which team had which record, you'd think the Brownies must be the team that had nothing to show in the left-hand column. At least that's the way it seemed in the first half.

The Pacers started off by putting pressure on the Agawam defense. With one minute gone, forward Tracy Scott let go a dead-on blast that tested Brownie goalie Melissa Troie. That quick attack seemed to set the tone for the entire 40 minutes.

The Pacers also seemed to be quicker to the ball. And though Agawam was clearly the more physical of the two teams, Chicopee didn't seem to be intimidated. There were also some good match-ups in the making, especially between Courtney Hyland (who scored three goals against 'Hamp) and Chicopee's standout midfielder, Mary Klupa.

For the first eight minutes of the half, Agawam hadn't moved the ball any closer than 30 yards from the Pacer goal. The Brownies, perhaps not expecting such stiff opposition, seemed a bit ragged with 12 minutes gone. But, like all good teams, they took advantage of the few opportunities they got.

And at 27:47, Carrie Janik cruised in front of the Pacer net and put one over the head of keeper Heather Darrow to make it 1-0, Agawam.

Brownies Implement "New" Passing Game

Agawam was now playing the type of passing game new Coach Mary Murray had intended them to play. It paid off again at 19:05 to go as sophomore star Kristen Patterson, assisted by Hyland, beat Darrow from 30 feet out on the left-hand side.

Give the Pacers credit, though. That 2-0 deficit didn't seem to faze them all that much. They patiently worked the ball back upfield and once again began to spend time in the Agawam zone. All the Brownies were hustling after the ball in an attempt to get it downfield. Senior defender Kara McDade (in particular) was all over the place trying to intercept a pass or disrupt a play to break up the Pacers' firm grip on the Brownie turf.

Chicopee was shooting it, too (10 shots in all on the Agawam net in the first half).

But because of the staunch Brownie defense, they were, for the most part, only able to get off weak shots. With 5:51 left in the half, junior Mina

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Turnovers, Too Much Tudryn Pace Blue Devils Over AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High School football team went into its 1995 football season last Friday night with a list of firsts: the first game of the season, a new offensive formation, and new logos on their helmets - spears, ala Florida State.

Unfortunately, they experienced another first that didn't particularly please them - their first loss of the season, a 26-16 setback to the Blue Devils of Northampton.

This wasn't a pretty game. The Brownies committed five turnovers (four fumbles, one interception) and two crucial, drive killing penalties that contributed to their loss. "You can't do things like that and expect to win anything," Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli commented after watching the game films Saturday morning. It was indeed a game of miscues, misreads, and just plain old mistakes.

'Hamp won the toss. So the crowd had a quick chance to see the '95 edition of the Brownie defense. 'Hamp started on its own 26 and moved to the Brownie 30, before the 'D' sucked it up and put the brakes on the Blue Devils and their outstanding quarterback, junior Jeremy Tudryn (who would figure big in this one before the evening was over).

Then it was time for the offense to take the field, sporting their much anticipated new offensive look. The first play of the '95 season saw fullback Dom Pisano (19 carries, 106 yards, 2 TD's) hit for a one yard loss. That was quickly forgotten when Dom, showing great acceleration all game long, hit it up the gut for nine. However, the offense could do not more on that series. They punted it away. The crowd had seen the new teams on both sides of the ball now and the season was officially underway.

The Best & The Worst Of The Locals

The first half saw the best and worst of the Brownies' football world. Junior wideout and defensive back Phil McGeoghan had a nice interception on Tudryn. Phil would also have three receptions for 42 yards on the night. Andrew Ingham, Agawam's All-State champion wrestler, also intercepted the Blue Devil signal caller.

And hats off to a bunch of Agawam defenders: Chris Day, Darrell Malachowski, B.J. Cortis, Bryan Menard, and their leader, Derek Parker (the best lineman on the field all night long, according to Vec), who gang-tackled the Blue Devils like a pack of ravenous wolves.

Witness the fact that Northampton had only five rushing yards in the first half. However, AHS had its problems. The offense, a complicated one, wasn't hitting on all cylinders. And they coughed up the ball twice. The first quarter ended up with no score.

The second quarter saw some interesting developments. First, the crowd was introduced to a little known athlete who really didn't figure into last year's scheme of things, junior running back Jeff Blews. Blews, as the Brownie offense began to click, busted a 12 yarder on an Agawam drive

deep into enemy territory. It was a gutsy effort and he would end up with 55 yards on nine carries. That run would also set up the other development.

Unlike so many high school teams, Agawam seems to have a field goal kicker in the form of sophomore Tony Planzo. He gave the Brownies a 3-0 lead, courtesy of a 24-yard placement. It was high and long and would have been good from 40 yards out.

Maybe that score was some kind of wake-up call for 'Hamp. Starting on their own 47 after the kickoff and running out of their double wing formation, they went to work.

Tudryn threw two passes of 20 and 25 yards (he would go 6-9 for 119 yards in the first half, 0-2 in the second) and suddenly the Blue Devils were looking at first and goal on the Agawam two yard line. Tudryn then scored over left tackle. The extra point failed and it was 6-3, 'Hamp.

An Agawam fumble on its next possession led to another Northampton score. They took the ball on the Brownie 25. Tudryn completed a 24 yard pass and run to end Jesse DeMaria. And suddenly it was first and goal again. Tudryn ran it in to make it 12-3.

Agawam regrouped. They started at their own 37 and went on a drive of their own. Pisano and Blews ran like they'd worked the I-Bone forever. The prettiest play of the drive was a 19 yard Pisano pass to McGeoghan on a nice option pitch. For a second, Dom looked like Johnny Unitas.

Then Harlin (6-12, 56 yards, 1TD) hit Dom for a three yard TD pass. The extra point made it 12-10, 'Hamp, where it would stay at halftime.

A Sign Of Things To Come

The second half saw the Brownies score their final TD of the game. But it was a sign of things to come. After the kickoff, Agawam started at its own 38.

"In the first half we had a plan," Vec said. "We came out in the second and did what this offense was designated to do - run it down the opponents' throat."

And that's just what they did. There were seven plays in the drive, all on the ground. Pisano carried most of the mail. Blews got a package or two. Pisano capped it off with a four yard romp for the score. They didn't get the two point conversion. It was now 16-12, Agawam.

One of the problems in the game was poor tackling in the game by the Brownie defenders, despite their enthusiasm. It showed on the next Blue Devil possession. 'Hamp was on the Agawam 37. It was second and seven. Tudryn took the snap and had a notion to pass. But the defenders flushed him out of the pocket. He raced right, shook two tackles, and headed upfield right into a mob of tacklers. Somehow, he managed to elude six tacklers in all, though they all had a shot. He ended up with a 37 yard touchdown run

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Brownie Football Hopes For Better Things When Facing Amherst On Friday Night

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Like most football coaches, Dean Vecchiarelli of Agawam High moves on. The game they just played, whether a win or a loss, is in the past. The good points are emphasized. The not-so-good points are things to be worked on so they'll become strengths instead of weaknesses. So, while the fans might be Monday morning quarterbacking, who is next down the line occupies the coach's mind.

Next down the line are the Hurricanes of Amherst, who'll be invading Harmon Smith Field next Friday night. Last season, Agawam beat them up in Amherst, 25-6 for the first Brownie win of the season. Despite what seemed like a lopsided score, Coach Vec begged to differ. "It wasn't. They played us hard and tough. It will be no different this year, either."

Then Vec went on to explain just what he meant. "First, they run out of the (formation) I, and sometimes they offset it a bit. That's a formation you use if you have an outstanding running back."

Amherst certainly does. He comes in the form of 5'11", 185-pound sophomore running back Sumner Hazard, who has 4.4 speed. Last season he had 70 yards on 13 carries and had the lone Hurricane score, a 42-yard scamper against the Brownies.

"Hazard is one of the best young backs you are going to see around here. We can't afford to let him get outside. We're going to have to penetrate and contain him." Hazard seems to have it going already. In Amherst's 21-12 opening day loss to Hoosac Valley, he had two touchdowns on runs of 7 and 11 yards. Hazard also plays tough at defensive back. Agawam will also have to keep an eye

on junior fullback, 6'1" Nathaniel Ihedigbo. He had a nice 61-yard run last week. Unfortunately, a penalty killed it.

Vec noted that Agawam is bigger than Amherst. But so are most teams. Their aggressiveness on offense negates that, according to the coach.

Not Too Worried About Passing

Vec mentioned that they won't worry too much about the Hurricane's passing game because they are somewhat inexperienced at that position. Though he cautioned that they will throw when you least expect it. That's a strategy that could catch you with your pants down.

The Hurricane defense is exciting, according to Vec. "They are extremely aggressive," Vec said. "They are not a read and react unit. They are in your face all game long. They blitz and blitz again." Then he chuckled. "Did you ever see the way the Phoenix Cardinals, under Buddy Ryan, play defense? They are something like that."

Then he brought the concept a little closer to home. "West Side plays that same type of defense," he noted.

Vec's scouts, who were checking out Amherst last Saturday, know what they are talking about. So a defense like that, up against the Brownie offense, could produce enough friction to create mucho sparks.

The Vec added, "We are going to be good. Remember, we have eight new guys on defense and seven on offense. I told them that they have to be hungry. I saw a lot of good things against Northampton. I expect to see more of them against Amherst."

Brownies got the ball back on a punt at their own 18. Harlin immediately started the offense off with a pass intended for McGeoghan. Tudryn, who seemed to be everywhere but in the concession booth, intercepted and ran it back for a 40 yard TD. It was his fourth touchdown of the game. Later, he would smile, "I just had a feeling they were going to go to the wide receiver." The two point conversion made it 26-16, Blue Devils.

Agawam's fate was sealed late in the fourth quarter when Harlin, back to pass, had the ball knocked out of his hands where it was recovered by Chico Allicea on the Brownie 35.

Hamp's Marc Patillo fumbled the ball shortly thereafter, but there were only 14 ticks left on the clock. The final again, 26-16, Northampton.

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Bahreman sent one of those puff balls past Troie. A little over two minutes later, Scott walked in unattended on the right-hand side and from 10 feet launched what was definitely not a puff ball, but a screamer, into the back of the Brownie net.

The half ended in a two-all tie. Even though Agawam had two goals, they had only four shots on the Pacer goal. Chicopee had spent roughly 30 of the 40 minutes in the Brownie zone. Miss Murray was clearly beside herself when the buzzer sounded.

Things quickly changed in the second half. With a little over one minute gone, Patterson (off an assist from McDade) drilled one past Darrow. Now Agawam was spending some quality time in the Chicopee zone. The Brownies were buzzing the enemy net, passing crisply, playing Murray-style soccer.

It paid off again with 27 minutes left as co-captain Hyland, assisted by Patterson, scored off another blast 10 feet out on the left side. The score stood at 4-2, Brownies.

A "Tentative" Chicopee Team

Chicopee was beginning to get tentative now. Perhaps they were a little in awe of the way Agawam suddenly brought its firepower to bear on their goal.

The Pacers got another taste of it with 12:24 left. Three Brownies conspired on this one. Patterson curled a nice McDade pass from right to left 30 feet out in front of the Chicopee net. McDade let loose a laser. Darrow stopped it. But the shot was so hard it rebounded off her chest and rolled out 10 feet to the left. There, waiting patiently, was sophomore forward Aimee Loudfoot. (What a great name for a soccer player.)

She charged the ball and booted it crisply past the prone Darrow for her first goal as a Brownie. It also may help her stay full-time with the varsity. Currently, she's splitting her time between the big club and the JV's.

The Pacers were fading fast at 5-2. Agawam forward Rita Reshamwala (a junior) was wearing them out now with rush after rush from the right side. Though she didn't score, she contributed with her hustle.

Chicopee's Scott did get one more goal, with 1:45 to play. But by then it was all but over.

Miss Murray was obviously pleased with her club, which moved to 3-1 on the young season while the Pacers dropped to 0-4. What did she tell them at the half to light the fire? "I read them the riot act. And they listened," she smiled.

In their last two games, AHS has scored 11 goals. How does she explain that? "Kristen and Courtne can find the back of the net. I expect all the other kids to step up and try to do the same thing."

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to make it 18-16, 'Hamp. "We'll be working on our tackling this week," Vec said after he viewed the films.

Late in the third, the Brownies were threatening at the Northampton 31 with a third and one when an offside penalty took them back and killed the drive. The quarter ended 18-16, Blue Devils.

Agawam mounted another drive midway through the fourth quarter. They got all the way down to the 'Hamp 26 when Paul Roberts sacked Harlin for a big loss in a third and six situation. That took the starch out of that series.

The Agawam defense, however, squelched Northampton's subsequent offensive effort. And the

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JV And Freshman Athletes Kick-Off New Sports Season

by Christian DeBonville
Advertiser News Correspondent

REPORTER'S NOTE: Over the next two months, I'll be covering the ever-popular junior varsity and freshman sports scene at Agawam High School. While Agawam's varsity teams continue to thrive on their fields of play, many future stars are working their way up through the JV and freshman ladder. So, if you get a chance, come up to AHS and check out Agawam's future varsity athletes.

JV GIRLS' SOCCER

The JV girls' soccer team, despite losing much of their 1994 team to the varsity, has hung tough and battled to a 1-2-1 record. Coached by former AHS soccer star **Karen Patterson**, the team is led by junior goalie **Shannon Beaudry**, an experienced and talented netminder who is ably supported by a strong defense. This defense is led by **Vanessa Galluzzo**, **Cheryl Lanier**, and the speedy **Kara Tierney**, a freshman who will most definitely be a varsity player soon.

Against Chicopee recently, the Brownies controlled the game but had to settle for a 0-0 tie when **Linda Roy's** direct kick for the win was stopped. Agawam's **Barbara Maloni**, another standout freshman, and **Julie LaFlamme** were denied several times by a tough Pacer goalie who blocked their shots.

Other JV'ers to watch include the always-aggressive **Nikki Lawson** and offensive weapon **Tara Grealis**.

JV FIELD HOCKEY

The JV field hockey team has played just two games at presstime: a loss against Smith Academy and a loss against Greenfield. With those two perennial powerhouses out of the way, Coach **Katie Poulus** and her troops can look forward to a bit lighter of a schedule up ahead.

Poulus, a 1994 AHS graduate, has **Jen Rendrick**, who will be the potential varsity goalie in two years, in net. Juniors **Kate Rouvellat** and **Jessica Przybyla** will be counted on to provide experience and leadership to this young team; most of the players have only one year of field hockey experience under their belts, so this should be a learning year.

Sophomores **Kelli Kunkel**, **Alison Scherban**, and **Ashley Corbin** are just a few players who will use their skills to keep Agawam in some games.

FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY

This is the first season for all of the freshmen, so who knows what will happen.

Coach **Jen Goodfellow**, like JV coach Poulus, is a 1994 AHS graduate. She will concentrate on "D," with **Kristen Chmielewski** in goal, and defenders such as **Kelly Cortis** and **Sarah Latif** will keep offenses honest. **Jamie Pavelczyk**, **Sarah Naciewicz**, and exchange student **Lotta Laukanen**, among others, will lead the offensive charge.

Despite a tough loss to Longmeadow, Agawam has kept its hopes and spirits high, ready to fight the next opponent.

JV FOOTBALL

While Northampton's varsity may have beaten Agawam 26-16, Agawam gained some bittersweet revenge by downing 'Hamp's JV, 30-0 at Phelps Field.



MEMBERS OF THE 1995 AGAWAM HIGH junior varsity field hockey team. Back row, from left - Jenn Rendrick, Missy Boissoneault, Jodie Bulat, Jessica Przybyla, Jessica Couture, Kate Rouvellat, Shauna Hadden, Melissa Berry, Jen Zerra, and Katie Poulos. Front row - Julie Case, Ashley Corbin, Katie Antaya, Kelli Kunkel, Maria Giordano, and Alison Sherban. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

QB **Eric Melbourne** hit **Mike Wing** with bombs of 25 and 45 yards and ran one in to provide much of the offense. **Chris Olson** sparked the defense when his punishing hit on the Blue Devil QB caused a fumble, which **Bob Johnson** scooped up.

Dan Walker scored a TD on a 30-yard interception, and **Darin Clark** added another TD on a three-year scamper around the left end. Coaches **Birk**, **Geiger**, and **Boyle** couldn't have been happier about their team's performance, and neither could the players.

"The team's looking good. The defense played very well," said **Chris Olson**.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

The freshmen will open up on Thursday, September 21st, at Enrico Fermi of Enfield. Coached by **Kirk Parker**, the frosh have a blue-chip QB in **Mike Buoniconti**, who has some NFL blood in him (**Nick Buoniconti** of New England Patriots and **Miami Dolphins** fame), and a good running back in **Bob Fuller**.

With a deep roster, this team is poised for success.

FRESHMAN BOYS' SOCCER

Led by Coach **Al O'Quinn**, the freshman boys' squad is off to a 1-1 start, including a win at West Side. The leading goal scorer has been **Dave Thomas**, who's notched all three. Although the team has lost star captain **Rich Rodriguez** to varsity, captains **Thomas**, **Brian Machos**, and **Dave**

Gallerani remain as leaders.

Look for **Jay Flood**, **Andy Radwanski**, and **Mike DeFilipi** to take up the slack when the team resumes play on September 27th vs. Cathedral. Despite the 3-0 loss to Ludlow, the team is confident.

JV BOYS' SOCCER

The JV boys' team is off to a sluggish 1-3 start, despite the goaltending of **Jay Malone** and the strong play of **Jay Hanscom**, **Nick Dion**, and **Dan Siano**. Those players, as well as **Jack Biscoe**, have led the scoring columns. An excellent team that should do well, they will get even better when **Vinny Tirone** steps up.

Glenn Olson, the AHS boys' ski coach, is at the helm.

FRESHMAN GIRLS' SOCCER

Coached by **Lynda Kunasek**, the freshmen are standing at a record of 0-2. The team suffered a loss when **Megan Conkey**, their star wing, was promoted to JV.

The team is already hurting, due to the fact that four freshmen are already on varsity. But they won't let that get them down; all 17 girls on this roster are ready to play. The leaders have been **Nikita Reshamwala**, **Erin Rescigno**, **Gwen Gonyea**, and **Cassie Andre**, to name a few.

After a series of road games, the girls will get their first home game when they meet Ludlow on Friday, September 22nd, at 3:30 p.m.

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AHS Field Hockey Deadlocks Greenies

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Before last Friday's field hockey game between Agawam High and Greenfield, played at Agawam High, veteran Green Wave Coach Donna Woodcock told her club, "This team is better than you think."

Perhaps she was trying to coax some of the cockiness out of her kids. After all, they went 14-2 last season and were the Northern Division champs and the sectional semifinalist.

Sometimes it pays to heed the warnings of your coach. Because on this day, Woodcock was a prophet. Greenfield ran up against a Brownie defensive buzzsaw that shut down their high scoring offense completely. The result was a 0-0 tie.

After the game, Agawam Coach Cindy Grieve couldn't help but be pleased. "Greenfield can score five goals and up a game." She should know, last year the Green Wave crashed over them to the thundering tune of 8-0.

Gutsy And Inspired Play

But not this time, because of gutsy and inspired play from kids such as junior forward Jill Pavelscysk, senior halfback Gina Cincotta, sophomore forward Alison Pratt, junior forward Pam Eaton, junior forward Amy Bilodeau, senior co-captain and halfback Becky Wing, and sophomore forward Stephanie Fleming.

They were backed up by some masterful goalkeeping by junior Andrea Nolan in the first half and senior Kirsten Decoteau in the second. The goalies stopped 10 Greenfield shots, a few of which were point blank. Nolan had two saves and Decoteau had eight. On this day, all these kids would have none of the Greenfield mystic. And the rest of their teammates wouldn't, either.

Greenfield is a powerhouse. They showed it from the get-go. And they are relentless. Their game is long ball, hit, and run. Once they get into your zone, getting them out becomes a major concern because they just don't want to leave. That's what happened early on.

Midfielder Hilary Kuzmeskus and forward Kristen Schmidt blasted the ball in and the rest of

the Green Wave churned after it. They constantly worked the left side of the Agawam defense. The pressure was intense. But the Brownies would not give in.

Grimly, they kept trying to get the ball away from their keepers. Greenfield would intercept a pass here, get a break there, and they were right back in the Brownies' faces. Agawam stared right back at them and attempted to clear the ball one more time. Hustle was the name of the Agawam game.

Finally, after close to six minutes meeting the opposition's challenge, the Brownies, behind junior midfielder Jen Stratton and the mighty efforts of Pavelscysk, cleared it. It was a short respite at best. After a few seconds, Greenfield drove the ball right back in and pounced on it again. Again, Wing and her crew went to work. The left side was still Greenfield's focus. Agawam was focused as well. Finally, they broke the Green Wave offense.

Agawam battled upfield and got the ball all the way to the Greenfield end line. And suddenly the Greenies found themselves in an unaccustomed position - on defense. The Brownies now had their hands on the pressure valve and they wasted no time turning it up. But the Wave was up to the challenge. They came roaring back, blasting once again into the Agawam zone. The visitors were frustrated. The half was winding down. They'd been on offense for 20 of the waning 30 minutes. They'd had five penalty corners. They had nothing to show for their efforts but bruised egos. Agawam, on the other hand, was becoming more pumped. The half saw a 0-0 score.

A Mirror Image Of First Half

The start of the second half started out as a mirror image of the first. Greenfield was once again buzzing the Brownie net. And they got their first real scoring opportunity of the game. Sophomore

halfback Kaitlyn Byron, with a minute gone, walked in all alone from the right side and smashed a rocket from 15 feet out at the Brownie net. Decoteau made a great leg save. That inspired Agawam and the locals rushed the ball upfield. At the five minute mark, they had their first real chance for a score. It was a mob scene around the Greenfield net. Two point blank shots were kicked out by goalie Kathy Martin.

Then Greenfield came back to return the scare. At the halfway mark, they had their sixth penalty corner. But Wing and Bilodeau stymied it. At this point, Decoteau needed the effort, because she already had four testing saves under her belt. Greenfield had another chance a few minutes later. Kristen Schmidt came out of the pack in front of the Agawam net and golfed one Decoteau's way. She made another fine save, kicking it out to the right side. Her teammates cleared the rebound immediately.

With two minutes left, Greenfield had another good scoring opportunity. Schmidt dashed in from the left on the Agawam goal. But by this time, the Green Wave was desperate. And desperation can lead to over-anxiousness. She misfired on the 20-footer. The Brownie defender cleared it once again and it was over. The final, 0-0.

Agawam's Jill Pavelscysk, who seemed to be everywhere during the game, was happy with the outcome. But she thought they might have gotten one in the left handed column. "I think we could have scored if we'd just had a little more luck. But we played great on defense."

Her coach, Cindy Grieve, had some thoughts. "I don't think we played our best game on offense. We've played better. But on defense, we got the job done."

Agawam is undefeated at 0-0-2. They tied powerful Smith Academy in their first game. Greenfield is 1-0-1.

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Chicopee Hands AHS 2-1 Loss In Varsity Boys' Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High boys' soccer Coach Dwight Northrup cited three main reasons why the Brownies lost Tuesday afternoon to Chicopee High School, 2-1 up at Szot Park. "We were selfish. We lacked intensity. They wanted it more."

The Brownies came in at 1-2-1. The Pacers were 1-3. So, this one looked pretty even on paper. Agawam's new style of soccer is the passing game. But Chicopee disrupted that strategy from the start by putting pressure on the Brownie defense.

The Pacers jammed it into the Agawam zone and dominated early on. They had a corner kick at the 35-minute mark. The ball was centered nicely, 30 feet away, right in front of the net. Only a fine save by sophomore keeper Brian O'Quinn prevented an early goal.

Chicopee seemed a bit quicker to the ball. And more than once they stole it right off the Agawam player's feet. The Brownies' junior sweeper Chris Bitzas, senior co-captain and midfielder Mike Domaingue, and senior midfielder Jaime Scherban, were making an effort, however, to break up the Pacer attack.

Pacer senior midfielder Mark Bucalo broke back and blasted one in on O'Quinn with 10 minutes gone. It came from 40 feet out, and the Brownie keeper made the save dead in the middle of the net. If it had been closer, it might have spelled trouble.

Finally, Agawam got a good opportunity. They drove down the field by passing the ball—just the way Northrup had it drawn up in the playbook. Senior forward Chris Chechile was the last guy to touch the ball and he had a clear shot on the right side. His bid for a goal, firm and hard, just missed wide right.

Give a lot of credit to the Pacer "D" in this one. They were dropping back in unison and helping each other out whenever the Brownies mounted a threat. They were led by junior midfielder Marc Mauricio, who was all over the place. Agawam's passing attack was clearly disrupted by the good Chicopee effort.

Still, Agawam's Domaingue and senior forward Marcos Damus continued to grimly lead the Brownies back down field against the stiff defense. And once again, Agawam had a big chance with 12 minutes left.

Chechile, Domaingue, and Bitzas came roaring down the right wing and passed the ball down to the Pacer net. It ended up on Todd Jorgenson's foot, who was camped out 10 feet from the goal mouth. He let a screamer fly. Senior keeper Dave



1995 CAPTAINS of the Agawam High boys' soccer team, from left - Chris Chechile, Jim Baldyga, Coach Dwight Northrup, Jeff Rousseau, and Jason Jean. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lapierre made a beautiful save.

Momentum Seemed To Be Shifting Towards AHS

Little by little, though, the momentum seemed to be shifting the Brownies' way. And finally, Bitzas cleared the ball from the Agawam zone. Chechile started down the left side with it. He passed nicely to junior fullback Steve Rovithis.

Rovithis dropped it back to Chechile, who passed the ball across the crease to senior midfielder Tim Conklin. Conklin then laid it right on the toe of Rovithis, who'd cut back towards the net. With 27 seconds left in the half, Steve stuck it in from a mere 10 feet away. At the half, it was 1-0 Agawam.

The second half started with a pumped up Brownie team taking it to the Pacers. Domaingue led the charge. Bitzas and junior fullback Tony Alfano gave him some timely help.

But things went sour almost before the few Brownie faithful on hand knew what was up. Three-and-a-half minutes into the half, Chicopee got a free kick. Bucalo put it down and before Agawam could form up a defensive wall in front of O'Quinn, Bucalo blasted it from 30 feet out. The ball roared past O'Quinn (low) on his left-hand side. That defensive lapse by the Brownies translated into a one-all tie.

Suddenly, the Pacers perked up. And they again became uninvited pests in the Agawam zone. Once again, the leader of the pests was Mauricio.

Finally, junior fullback Todd Godfrey began to cover him like a second shadow.

While that little battle was going on, Chicopee was about to win the war. Their second goal of the game—and the game winner—was pretty to watch. Mauricio managed to find some space. When he did, he got the ball and passed it smoothly across the goal mouth. No Brownie touched it or even came near it. But sophomore midfielder Hugo Destapado did both and beat O'Quinn low left with 33 minutes left.

There would be no more scoring. Actually, Agawam didn't get a shot on net in the second half until the 12:28 mark. Chechile had a chance at 10:30. He took a nice pass from Scherban and came down on the Pacer net. Lapierre had to come out 15 yards to grab it or Chris would have had a clean breakaway.

A couple of minutes later, Lapierre came out of his net again. This time the strategy almost backfired. Damus banged a header past him and into what seemed to be an open net. But the Pacer defenders managed to stop the ball before it went in.

Northrup mentioned one more thing as he saw his club fall to 1-3-1. "We have to be more creative. We can't telegraph our offense."

Agawam had nine shots on goal. Chicopee had seven.



MEMBERS OF THE 1995 Agawam High School boys' varsity soccer team. Back row, from left - Coach Dwight Northrup, Brian O'Quinn, Chris Bitzas, Todd Jorgenson, Eric Johnson, Jim Baldyga, Jamie Scherban, Jamy Pliska, Todd Godfrey, Mike Forastiere, Jeff Rousseau, Tony Alfano, and Jeff Gaylor. Front row - Chris Chechile, Oliver Schoendube, Marcos Damus, Dave McCarthy, Tim Conklin, Mike Domaingue, Steve Rovithis, Jason Jean, and Rich Rodriguez. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Parks And Recreation Dept.'s 1995 Fall Programs

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for all programs is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Recreation Office. After September 26th, registration will be held in the Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration for all recreation programs is limited and is offered on a first come, first served basis. Phone registrations will *not* be accepted.

All fees are required at the time of registration, and are made payable to the Town of Agawam. Release forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian for all youth programs.

ADULT

Aerobics: Intermediate, low-impact workout includes toning and stretching. The eight-week program instructed by Karen Wilson-Mickey begins October 16th at the AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL. Participants must supply their own mats.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., \$50.

Women's Volleyball: "Fun" recreational program begins October 16th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Monday: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., \$20.

Co-Ed Volleyball: Competitive, recreational program begins October 16th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Monday: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., \$20.

Drop-In Basketball: Supervised drop-in basketball program for RESIDENTS ONLY begins October 16th at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. *Identification Cards* are necessary for admittance to the program and can be picked up at the Recreation Office.

Monday/Wednesday: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., \$2/night.

Arts/Crafts: Instructor Karla Mancini Young will offer five Holiday Craft Workshops at AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$5 per workshop plus supplies. Participants may register for any or all of the following:

* **October 18th:** Halloween Broom.

* **October 25th:** Halloween Sweatshirt or T/T Bag.

* **November 1st:** Glass Ornaments.

* **November 15th:** Holiday Tree.

* **November 29th:** Wreath.

Water Safety Instructor Course: Red Cross-certified program. Must be 17 years-old and have a Level IV swim ability (equivalent to Swimmers). Class time: 42 hours. Instructor: Denise Cardona. Begins October 2nd at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL.

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YOUTH

Youth Leadership: Toastmasters International will help students in grades nine through 12 to develop communication and leadership skills. The eight-week program will be conducted at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL beginning October 17th.

Tuesday: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., no fee.

Introduction To Exercise, Sports & Play: Introduces children to exercise, sports and active games. Instructed by our Recreation Department Staff, the eight-week program will meet on Saturdays at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL beginning October 14th. Cost: \$20.

* 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.: four and five years.

* 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.: five and six years.

* 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.: six and up.

Arts/Crafts: Children will have the opportunity to create a wide variety of projects designed for their age level. Sarah Hufland will instruct this program, which will meet on Saturdays at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL beginning October 14th. Cost: \$30.

* 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.: six to eight years (eight weeks).

* 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.: four and five years (eight weeks).

* 11:00 to 12:50 p.m.: nine and 10 years (four weeks).

After-School Skate: The Recreation Department, in conjunction with The Rollaway, will sponsor monthly after-school skate specials. The first special is October 4th. Watch for detailed flyers through the schools.

Roller Hockey: Open to boys and girls ages eight through 15. Held at The Rollaway on Sundays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., beginning October 1st. Protective equipment is required. Cost: \$20 (includes skate rentals if needed).

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The Recreation Department is always looking for qualified instructors to teach a variety of programs. If you have a special talent that you would like to utilize, contact the Recreation Office. New program ideas are also welcome.

Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—

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A Hunting We Will Go!

Donald Loncto and Mike Gruska booked a bear hunting trip with Rene Walker at his camp. The two went one better and decided that they would travel further to St. Francis, Maine and use a cabin without guides, do their own baiting of the bears, and chores around the cabin usually handicapped by a cook and others. It was a money saver and very enjoyable.

During the week, Mike saw a bear, but could not get a clear shot at the animal. With Donald, it was a different story. A bear came in at dusk and circled the bait a couple times, acting very edgy. Finally, Don scoped him, first with his heavy pistol, but could not see the bear good enough for a shot. He scoped the ravenous animal with the rifle and the picture was clear enough for a shot through the shoulder. The bear weighed in at 250 pounds and sporting one of the finest pelts that Don has ever seen.

The Pioneer Valley Sporting Club will hold its annual Turkey Shoots, commencing October 1st to Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. The shooting will start at 12:00 p.m. and end around 2:30 p.m.

Antlerless Deer Drawing To Be Held In Wareham

The drawing for 1995 antlerless deer permits will be held at the Wankinquoah Rod and Gun Club on Tihonet Rd. in Wareham at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27th. The evening's events will begin with a brief overview of the MFW management program by John McDonald, Deer Project Leader for the MFW. Following the presentation, members for the allocation of antlerless deer permits, McDonald, and other Division staff members will be on hand to meet the public and answer questions.

Beware Of Moose

Sounds silly, beware of moose in Massachusetts, yet by the middle of this month,

Turkey Shoots In West Side Start Oct. 1st

The Pioneer Valley Sportsmen's Club in West Springfield will be holding turkey shoots on Sundays from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. starting October 1st.

Bielitz On Soccer Team At WPI

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While bowhunting in Sandisfield last fall, I had a cow and a lovesick bull come down the deer trail I was staking out. As usual, the camera was in the truck. Moose hunting is prohibited by law in Massachusetts and there are no plans to change this status. It could change in the future. The moose can come in conflict with humans, can become dangerous, and have no form of natural population regulation other than disease, starvation, or vehicle accidents.

Predators in Massachusetts, such as coyotes, bobcats, and dogs, cannot take on adult moose and have a very short window of opportunity on calves. Disease and starvation typically occur only after a population has surpassed its biological limits. Vehicle accidents are obviously not an acceptable solution to population increase, either.

Yearling female moose can weigh over 400 pounds, thus, they are a serious threat to public safety if they begin to cross highways. Female moose with calves are protective and dangerous, as well.

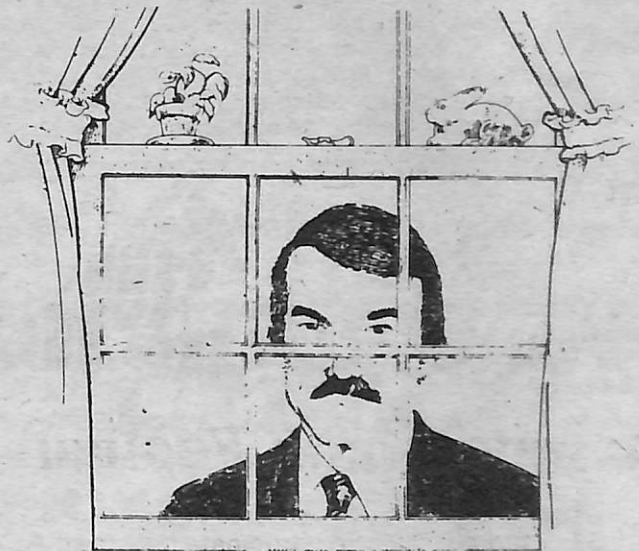
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New Trainer Dave Stratton Is Determined To Keep AHS Athletes Hale And Hearty

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

When you mention high school athletic competition, you think immediately of exciting games, intense coaches, finely conditioned athletes, and everything else that is good and healthy about sports.

Unfortunately, you can't help but think of the many injuries that also come with the package.

Dave Stratton is the new trainer for the Agawam High School athletic teams. He's 30 years-old, received his bachelor's in physical education and his master's in sports medicine from Springfield College, and is a physical education teacher at the Agawam Middle School. Dave has seen just about every injury you can imagine. He's trained in how to avoid them, how to treat them (if they happen), and how to get the injured athlete fit again and back into action.

"Over-Use" The Most Common Cause

He feels the most common injuries kids face at the high school level is something called over-use. "Basically," he says, "over-use injuries are things like shin splints, foot and ankle pain, and muscle strains." He says such things come about because when the athlete is preparing for the upcoming season, they go at it too-hard, too-often.

"You can prevent those over-use maladies by simply conditioning properly," he noted. Proper conditioning means starting your fitness program out slowly and working up to your peak physical level.

All sports have their injuries. But Dave says without a doubt, football harbors the most, as do most of the contact sports (hockey and lacrosse). "One of the objects of football is to hit somebody," he says.

But he made an interesting parallel. "Rugby is every bit as rough as football. But you don't see nearly the amount of injuries in that game." He explained the reasons why. "First, the prime object in rugby is to move the ball forward to the next man. Those pile-ups you see in that sport are incidental contact. They don't wear pads and thus, it would be dumb to try to collide with someone other than the guy with the ball. In football, pads can make you a little bit wild."

Dave admitted that football will probably always lead the injury hit parade.

Certain sports seem to sprout their share of bumps and bruises more unique to them than to other athletic endeavors. "Football will produce a lot of shoulder problems. Already on this year's club we have three guys, Dom Pisano, Mike Perry, and Dan Pellegrino, who have nagging shoulder problems of varying degrees." It comes as no surprise that knee injuries are also a big problem in football, Dave pointed out.

Soccer also sees its share of knee injuries. Last season, girls' soccer star Erica Schlaffer suffered ACLS damage sliding for a loose ball. She missed almost the whole season. This year, girls' soccer co-captain Alison Reseigne is out for the year with a banged-up knee. "You'll also see a great deal of lower body contusions, and face and scalp injuries, brought about when two players go for a header at the same time," he noted.

Ankle Sprains Prevalent In Soccer

Ankle sprains, because of the quick and continuous cuts and stops, are also prevalent in soccer. Boys' soccer player Jamie Scherban had a serious sprain during training camp. Chris Chechile suffered a bad sprain during an Agawam seven-on-seven Sunday League game. And Mike

Domangue also had some pre-season ankle woes.

Field hockey can also see some injuries from sticks swung a bit too high. "Technique is the key there. If it's taught correctly, as Coach Cindy Grieve does, no one is going to get slashed. But you will get your share of sprains and bumps and bruises in that sport," he notes. (This reporter might add that Becky Wing has one of the best slap shots around. Yet she controls her stick so well that probably no one around her, when she belts it, would be in any danger.)

There are many ways to treat injuries. The serious ones, badly separated shoulders, torn up knees, etc., may require major surgical procedures. But the sprains and twists, which are the most common, require one method—"Ice," Dave says.

"The first thing any trainer wants to do is prevent as much swelling as possible, because swelling may cause tissue damage that can hinder an athlete's quick recovery."

He went on to describe the formula he and all good trainers use in their management of sprains, whether mild or severe. "We put ice on the injured area. Then we compress it, meaning we wrap the ice pack on. Then we elevate the injured limb."

Dave explained that the compression keeps the cold close and tight to the injured area. The elevation takes fluid (that could build up there) away through the venous system of the body. And ice, because of its numbing qualities on surface nerves, controls pain.

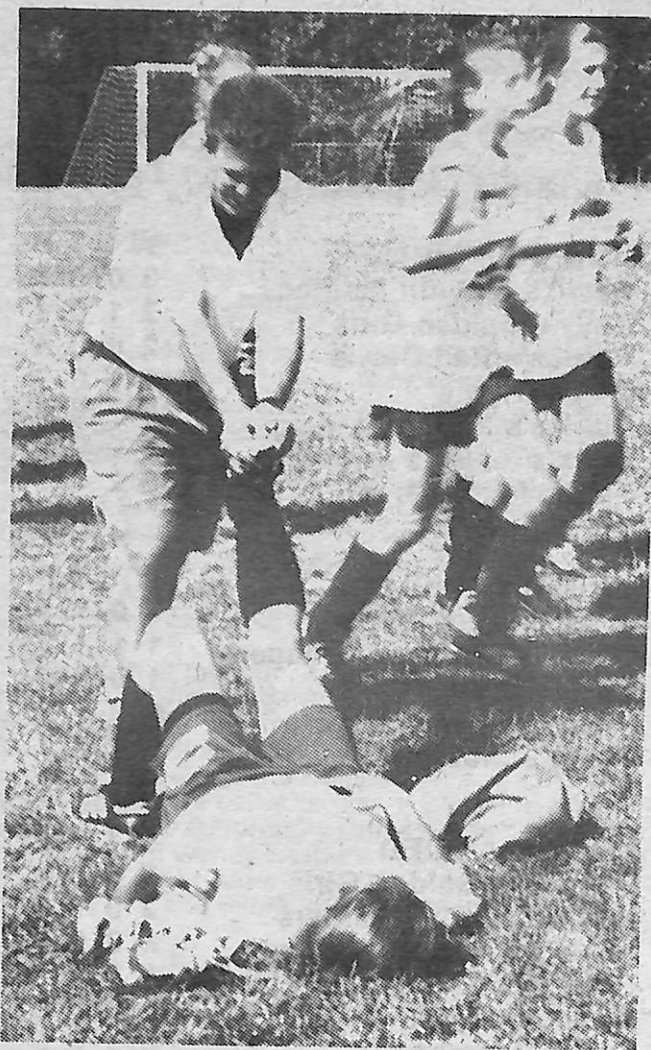
He also added one important factor when using the ice, compression, elevation treatment technique (or I.C.E. for short). "Only leave the pack on for 20 minutes, then remove it for 20. Then repeat the procedure again. If the pack is left on too long, there's a chance the extreme cold of the ice might affect the skin."

Once an athlete is unlucky enough to suffer any injury, do they try to come back too fast? "It depends on the individual," Dave says. "There are hyper-athletes. They don't come to you often if they suffer a small injury. They are usually identified by their coaches as tough kids, whether male or female, who are driven and take losses very hard. These are the ones you have to keep an eye on."

He added, "You see, they're afraid if they come to the trainer and reveal that they have an injury, they're going to be kept from playing. They don't understand that I'm not here to pull them out. I'm here to make sure they're healthy and can keep on playing up to their ability level without hurting their athletic career."

Dave also addressed injuries that might be particular to male and females. "Not much difference there," he said. "Maybe women suffer more knee pain because of a wider body angle." Who heals faster? "There is no difference," he said. "It depends on how much you want to get well and how much you want to play," he says.

Dave had some advice for athletes and their parents. "Prevention is the biggest part of my job. Good conditioning is the key. It prevents injury more than anything else. Also, if any athlete in the Agawam High School program thinks they have an injury that could get serious, they should check with me. And make sure when you are being fitted with your equipment that it fits well and comfortably, not too tight and not too loose."



IN TOP PHOTO, Agawam High athletic trainer Dave Stratton stretches the calf muscles of varsity soccer player Stephanie Biza. IN PHOTO BELOW, Stratton rides around the grounds in his golf cart keeping an eye on the various AHS fall athletic teams.



Fitness First To Hold Women's Health Forum

The Institute For Human Performance at Fitness First is holding a "Women's Health Forum" on Thursday, September 28th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be three speakers that will cover important women's issues such as breast self-exams, osteoporosis, the benefits of exercise, and how to take charge of your life through delegation to avoid female "burnout."

In addition to the speakers, several businesses will have booths and display information in regards to women's issues and professional growth.

The forum is designed for women of any age and is open to the public. The Fitness First nursery will be available at a small fee for mothers with small children. Pre-registration is recommended (\$3 per person), as seating is limited. Call Fitness First at 786-1460.

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Agawam Youth Football Open '95 Season

The South Hadley Tigers traveled to Phelps Field on Sunday, September 10th to participate in the first game of the 1995 season. The junior Warriors were nipped by a score of 6-0 while the senior squad shut out their opponents, 18-0.

The junior game was a well fought defensive battle with neither team scoring in the first half. The lone South Hadley touchdown capped a 60-yard drive late in the third period. The Agawam juniors dominated the fourth quarter but their 40-yard drive ended on the South Hadley 12-yard line.

Ryan Lottermoser was the leading junior rusher with 44 yards followed by Tim Sullivan, Dan Richards, John Slachetka, Ricky Cillimberg, and Dave Pashek.

Billy Menard and Andy Huffman led the defense with five tackles followed by Ryan Lottermoser, Matt Shea, John Slachetka, Dave Pashek, Mike Locke, Sean Burke, Jeff Zucco, Brian Pedersen, and Scott Graves. Brian Pedersen and Mike Locke made key defensive plays by recovering South Hadley fumbles.

The senior contest was evenly matched in terms of total yards for both teams but Agawam scored twice in the second quarter and once in the third.

Alex Almquist scored both second period

touchdowns on an eight and five yard run. The third Agawam score came from the defensive unit when Mike Martin scooped up a South Hadley fumble and ran eight yards for the T.D. South Hadley sustained their longest drive in the final quarter but it ended on the Agawam 25-yard line when the defense dug in and allowed only one yard of offense in the last four plays of the game.

Alex Almquist led rushers with 40 yards followed by Russ Smith, Vin Buoniconti, Brian St. Jean, and Shawn Biebel.

Russ Smith led the defensive squad with eight tackles followed by Jerry Graves, Alex Almquist, Matt Poirier, Brian Santinello, Kevin Grealis, Mike Martin, Mike Blevins, Matt Dion, Eric Pedersen, Shawn Biebel, Brian St. Jean, Vinny Buoniconti, Kevin Rivers, Jason Daigneau, Scott Harlin, Ed Torres, and Justin Santinello. Brian St. Jean made a key defensive play when he intercepted a pass early in the first quarter.

Many thanks to the Agawam Youth Cheerleaders and their coaches for providing the banners and enthusiasm in making opening day and every game a very special event for everyone. The next Warrior home game is Sunday, September 24th.

The junior game starts at 1:00 and the seniors take the field around 2:15. Feel free to stop by and support the youth football program.

Agawam Soccer Assoc. STANDINGS (As Of September 17, 1995)

UNDER 10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Davill's Maroon Maniacs	3	0	0	6
Kelly's Golden Girls	2	1	0	4
Patrick's Red Devils	2	0	0	4
Ruhl's Tigers	1	1	0	2
Dobise's Blue Lightning	0	2	0	0
Adams' L. Blue Angels	0	2	0	0
Santaniello's Green	0	2	0	0

UNDER 12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Francis' Lady Bugs	2	0	1	5
Davilli's Cranberry Cougars	1	1	1	3
Douglas' Red	1	0	0	2
Prisby's Golden Eagles	0	2	1	1
Spear's Blue	0	1	1	1

UNDER 14 COED	W	L	T	P
Fleming's Golden Girls	3	0	0	6
Rosinski's Blue Raiders	2	0	0	4
Shaw's Orange Crushers	2	0	0	4
Gremza's Green	0	2	0	0
Ellsworth's Red	0	3	0	0
Francis' Maroon	0	2	0	0

UNDER 17 COED	W	L	T	P
Blair's Golden Eagles	1	0	0	2
Cincotta's Green	0	0	1	1
Heneghan's Orange	0	0	1	1
Brinn's Blue	0	1	0	0

Agawam Lightning Place 2nd In Tournament



THE AGAWAM LIGHTNING is currently in first place in the PVJSL and is striving to win its third consecutive regular season championship. Front row, left to right - Sara (Moose) Skolnick, Angela (Rocket) Buendo, Bethany (Badger) Reid, Megan (Bam-Bam) Gloster, Allison (Sonic) Siedlik, Gina (Jeannie) Ruscio. On the ball: Bob the Beaver and Mike the Monkey. Middle row - Ashley (Smitty) Smith, Rachel (Cookin') Keenan, Katherine (Bitz) Bitzas, Ellen (Bo) Rannenberg, Meghan (Boomer) Ennis, and Amanda (Fred) Janik. Back row - Coaches Rich Gloster, Don Smith, and Scott Skolnick.

Park & Rec. Dept. Men's Volleyball Standings

TEAMS	MATCH	POINTS
SPARTANS	6 - 2	18
E Z RIDERS	6 - 2	17
OLYMPIC FASTENERS	3 - 5	9
LIGHTNING SPIKE	1 - 7	4

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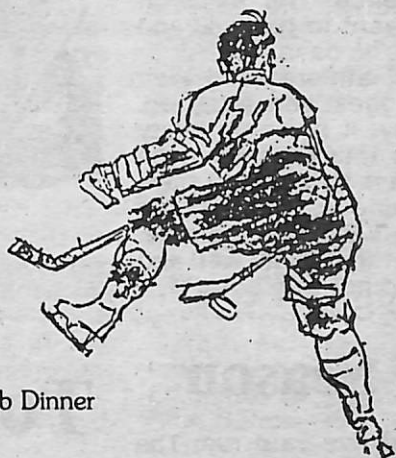
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Schofield Wins Race Of Modifieds At Riverside On Sept. 16

By the end of the race on Saturday, September 16th, at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA, four-time runner-up **DAN AVERY** became the 1995 Riverside Winston Racing Series Champion. Ironically, because of his dominant lead in the point standings, just starting the Modified feature last Saturday gave him the long-awaited title!

Meanwhile, **TOM CAREY** locked up the Pro Stock Championship for the 1995 season, and **GEE PERRY** was named this season's Late Model Champion.

Still, last Saturday's big winners included **Brian Schofield** (with three feature wins) in the Modified four-type feature; **Barry Gray**, who won the Pro Stock race; **Joe Czarnecki**, the Late Model winner; **Herb Carlon**, the victor of the Strictly Stocks; and **Tom Gavine**, who crossed the finish line first in the Mini Stock feature.

Scott Walker led the first 15 laps of the Modified feature, when Brian Schofield came from fifth to power into the lead. At one point, Schofield had almost a half-of-a-lap lead, until Ted Riggott moved in.

With 10 laps to go, Riggott closed in and right with him was Reggie Ruggiero (who came from 15th). Then it was Dan Avery, Ed Spiers, and Tony Papale all dicing it up front.

At the checker, it was Brian Schofield for his third win in the Food 'N Stuff-sponsored Pontiac. Reggie Ruggiero came in second, followed by Ted Riggott (International Auto Body), Dan Avery (the 1995 Modified Champ), and Ed Spiers.

Rounding out the top 10 in the Modifieds were Tony Papale, Doug Meserve, Dave Berube, Marcel L'Etoile, and Dave Caruso.

Following the race, the gentle giant Brian Schofield exclaimed, "This has been a good year, thanks to these three wins. I want to thank everyone for their support."

Fred Alkas looked like the dominant car in the Pro Stocks and led until the halfway mark, as Rich Vasseur was awesome driving to the front. The lead Pro Stock pack was real tough, as Jeff Conners, Eddy Carroll, Scott Bouley, and Tom Fearn swapped positions. (There were only three cautions for minor spins.)

Still, the second half told the story, as Barry Gray moved in and never gave away the lead. At the checker, Gray secured his third win of the 1995 season in the Pro Stocks.

The second-place position was earned by Rich Vasseur (Porter & Chester Institute), who made a great run. Third through fifth, respectively, were Eddy Carroll (Riverside Motorsports), Scott Bouley, and Tom Fearn (Ramada Inn of Bradley).

Sixth through 10th went to Jeff Horn, Tom Carey (the 1995 Pro Stock Champion), Bill Lauridsen, Mike Duquette, and John Lobo.

Brian Locke took the lead on the start in the Late Model feature, and Paul Dipisa held on for the next 10 laps. Then, with a bold charge to the front, Joe Czarnecki moved in and applied the pressure to take the lead.

As Joe became the leader, he set a strong pace up front and never gave up the number-one spot. Second was Paul Dipisa, followed by Joe Rzesutek, Glenn Griswold, and Matt Bushior.

Rounding out the top 10 were Gee Perry (the 1995 Late Model Champ), Todd Owens, Brian Locke, Rob Valerio, and Rocco Mazziotto.

This victory marked the second win of the season for the deserving Joe Czarnecki, who thanked his fans after the race and said that he's interested in running for the 1996 title.

Tom Gavine won his fourth Mini Stock feature, as Ryan Keith came from last to finish second. The rest of the top five were comprised of Sylvia Crunden (who also started in the final row), Cheryl Reilly, and Paul Kratochvil.

Sixth through 10th were Lee Kozikowski, Dave Singer, Dave Ouellette, Neil Anderson, and Joe Krajewski.

Herb Carlon wasted no time at all to take the lead and win the Strictly Stock race, as early leader Pat Kretchman came in second. Third went to Tom Dileo, followed by Ken Marques and Jon Waterhouse.

Rounding out the top 10 in this division were Roy Houle, Kris Valerio, Scott Neleber, Pat Townsend, and Ed Charette.

This coming Saturday, September 23rd, Riverside Park Speedway will present the "Megabucks Thrills Spectacular," featuring 30 death-defying events (including a \$5,000 winner-takes-all Enduro).

Adults are priced at just \$12.99 each, and kids (12 years of age and under) are just \$2.99 each. The action will commence at 6:00 p.m.

For further information, call the speedway at (413) 786-9300.

Tri-Parish Bowlers Open 1995-1996 At Agawam Bowl Lanes

The first match of the 1995-1996 Tri-Parish Bowling League season opened on Monday, September 11th, at the familiar surroundings of the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension.

New league President "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER rolled the highest score of the night at 334 and league secretary DEBBIE POIRIER led the women with a 107 average. Along with many familiar names, followers of this popular league will notice several new people that were welcomed on opening night.

In the first match of the night, St. Louis (2½ wins) defeated Georgetown (1½ wins). This was a very close match. Winners for St. Lou were PAUL LAGODITZ (90), and KIM LACRIX (87). Debbie Poirier was the only winner for G-TOWN at 107. AUDREY PHILLIPS and GUS FRAPPIER of G-Town tied at 83 each. "Wild" BILLY ALDRICH hit an 89 for G-Town in a losing cause.

In the next match of the evening, Holy Cross (2½ wins) barely defeated Catholic University (1½ wins) in a very close match. The only winner for HC was MARSHA DOBIE (82). Winners for CU were TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (102), BLANCHE LANGLOIS (93), and MARY THOMAS (91). JOHN MLINEK had a pretty good night for HC with a 92.

Boston College opened the season on a good note by taking three wins over Notre Dame (1 win). BC rollers in the money were "Jungle" JIM MC-CORMICK (100), LARRY FORTIER (95), STELLA BARBIERI (88), and DAVE ALDRICH (77). ND rollers included FLO ROCHFORD (100), DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (97), TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (91), and PEARL PROVOST (75).

St. Michael's took three wins from St. Mary (1 win). St. Michael's rollers included JEAN BUONICONTI (97), VI MASSOIA (90), MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN, who is back after a year's hiatus (88), and JAY LAGODITZ (86). St. Mary's rollers were JOHN LONCRINI (99), FRANK CERPOVICZ (97), VENETTA SNYDER (89), and RITA SCOTT (76).

In the final match of the night, Fordham trounced St. Anselm, four wins to none. Fordham's hot rollers included Ollie Muldrew, TERRY CERPOVICZ (93), CORI NAPOLITAN (87), and LINDA TOBY (72). St. A's rollers were "Luscious" LOU MULDER (109), DORIS FORTIER (87), and LOU NAPOLITAN (80).

Athletic Dept. & Berkshire Power Join For Golf Tourney

The AHS Athletic Department will conduct a golf tournament (sponsored by Berkshire Power) on Saturday, October 14th, at the Agawam Country Club beginning with a scramble shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

The Athletic Department is seeking raffle prizes and hole sponsors. Hole sponsorships are \$50. Any donations for the raffle may be dropped off to

AHS's Field Hockey Team Downs Westfield 2-1 At H. Smith Field

by Dave Rollins
News Editor

Westfield High came calling at Harmon Smith Field Tuesday night for a field hockey contest against Agawam. Perhaps the thought foremost on the minds of the Brownie field hockey faithful in attendance was this: would the team suffer a letdown after their great showing against Greenfield last Friday afternoon? That game produced a hard-won 0-0 tie.

They need not have worried. Agawam beat the winless Bombers (0-3) 2-1, to up their record to 1-0-2.

For much of the first 30 minutes, this one was a battle at midfield. Agawam had a good chance with 10:47 left in the half. AnnMarie Bianca, Stephanie Fleming, and Amy Bilodeau led a Brownie assault on the Bomber net and scuffled about before the ball was cleared. Westfield had an equally fine opportunity with 4½ minutes to go when forward Wendy Baetens walked in unopposed on the right side, lined the ball up on the Brownie net, and misfired. The half ended 0-0.

After a halftime pep talk, the Brownies came out aggressively in the second half. Behind senior co-captain Becky Wing (who continually belted balls into the Bomber zone with that big swing of hers), they finally found the range at the 23:20 mark.

A crowd gathered right in front of the Westfield goal. Sticks were swinging, voice were shrill. Finally, Bilodeau ended the connection by slapping a shot past Bomber goalie Kate Aberdale. Agawam took a 1-0 lead.

The Brownies' next score was interesting. With 15:13 to go, Fleming shot from 20 feet out in front. It hit someone's stick, popped into the air, and looped over Aberdale's head and into the net. Fleming got the score. Midfielder Jen Stratton got the assist.

The Bombers scored with 1:26 to go. The ball came off the stick of Anne Osowski out of a mob scene in front of the goal.

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Finally, Avery Wins Title As Modified Champ At Riverside

"Wake me, I must be dreaming!" exclaimed Riverside Modified driver Dan Avery. After four consecutive years in a row, second-place point finisher Dan Avery has won his share of Riverside's \$60,000-plus Winston Racing Series Championship.

Riverside Park Speedway, one of NASCAR's most successful quarter-mile tracks, has crowned Avery as its 1995 Modified Tour-Type Champion. Whoever said, "Second was the first-place loser" didn't know Avery because for four years, this guy has shown talent, class, and a competitive style that make him a great Riverside Champion.

Riverside Speedway will salute its 1995 Champions with two banquets for 1,500 people on November 17th and 18th at the Grand Ballroom of The Oaks in Agawam, MA.

In 20 events, Avery only missed one start on July 8th. He had made a commitment to the car owner (Wood Construction) to race on the Featherlite Modified Tour. The event was held at Loudon, and was supposed to be 40 laps in the afternoon. A rain delay started the event just about the same time that Riverside started.

Avery had to make the most difficult choice of his career. He supported the car/owner and stayed in New Hampshire. The finish was nothing extra, but back at Riverside, Dave Berube was leading the points with a growing margin.

That week, Avery had a talk he wouldn't forget with Promoter Ben Dodge. "Ben made me understand the importance of a Winston title at Riverside and how four seconds wasn't good enough. He was tough, but right," said Avery.

For the next three weeks, it was three consecutive wins for Avery; before this, his only win was on May 6th. Fact is, Avery almost even won his Modified Tour Race before a careless Charley Pasteryak cost him the win. Yet, the second half of the 1995 season didn't stop there; the wins were followed by a second, fourth, third, and another win, making it five wins with 17 top-five finishes.

The pink and black Porter/Chester Institute number 10A became the Modified to beat. Going into the final night (Saturday, September 16th), Avery just needed to start, but he did more by coming from 11th to finish fourth. Finally, the 1995 Winston Champion was crowned, and Dan Avery was the Riverside Champion.

At the Riverside banquets in November, over \$60,000 will be distributed to the competitors in

one of the highest-paying point funds for weekly racers in NASCAR at the Agawam speedway.

Finishing second behind Avery was this year's previous point leader, Dave Berube; Berube has one win, 11 top-five finishes, and 18 top-10 finishes (by the way, this is only his second Modified season). Dan Avery won the title with 1,036 points, and Dave Berube was second with 986.

Coming in third for the 1995 season was another impressive sophomore, Doug Meservey, who had three wins and 13 top-five finishes for Citgo/Dairy Mart. Meservey tallied a total of 944 points for the season.

Perhaps the best consistent run was turned in by Ed Spiers. A win by Spiers on August 26th was the fans' favorite, and this victory—combined with 18 top-10 finishes—earned him fourth place with 916 points.

Fifth place was attained by Ted Riggott, a man who returned to racing after a layoff of a few years. Riggott had 836 points, courtesy of one win and nine top-five finishes for International Auto Body.

The sixth- through 10-place positions were just as strong. Brian Schofield (sixth) had three wins and 11 top-10's to close with 782 points. Reggie Ruggiero (with 760 points) was seventh with four wins in 16 starts; fact is, Reggie's only wins came at Riverside in 1995.

Eighth-place Dave Caruso sat out several events due to a race-related injury, but 15 top-10 finishes earned him 714 points. Fran Principi was ninth with nine top-10's (which certainly helped with his final tally of 712 points), and 10th place was Steve Park (690 points) with one win and 12 top-10 finishes.

The 11th- through 20th-place finishers for 1995 are as follows: Richard Savary (646), Chris Kopec (618), Jim Houghton (562), Dave Gallo (558), Tim Zambelli (486), Scott Walker (406), Marcel L'Etoile (404), Wade Cole (388), Eric LeClair (342), and Tom Jensen (326).

Riverside Park Speedway is still racing on Saturday nights this fall with non-point events such as Enduros, a School Bus Demolition Derby, open-competition Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and a Halloween show to conclude the 1995 schedule.

Meanwhile, Riverside's banquet tickets are going like hotcakes; order yours before they're gone by calling (413) 786-9300, extension 3264 (ask for Mary).

Carey, Perry Lock Pro Stock, Late Model Titles At Riverside

Even an attorney like Mark E. Salamone couldn't keep Tom Carey from dominating the 1995 Riverside Winston Racing Series Pro Stock Title. Not that he wanted to; after all, Carey (with the help of his car sponsor, Mark E. Salamone) was the 1995 Champion.

The professional style of the Buddy Crams/Joe Bean Auto Body team showed through 23 Riverside Pro Stock events. Carey and his green number five won three races and had 14 top-five finishes, qualifying for every race event this year.

Still, for Carey, the Championship would be determined in the last night. Tom Fearn was again a major factor but had to finish 17 spots ahead of Carey. As the checker flew, Carey finished seventh, with Fearn coming in fifth.

The 1995 Riverdale Pro Stock Champion would share in a \$60,000-plus point fund as Carey won with 942, 30 points ahead of Tom Fearn, 912. Fearn had two wins with 16 top-10 finishes in the Bradley Ramada Car. Third was early point leader Eddy Carroll ("Mr. High Groove") with three wins and nine top-five finishes for a total of 900 points.

The winner of the final Saturday race, Barry Gray, also had three wins with nine top-five finishes (864 - good for fourth place). Fifth was Bill Lauridsen with no wins but 12 top-10's (816 points), and rounding out the top 10 were Jeff Horn (788), Scott Bouley (770), Lou Prior (684), Jeff Connors (660), and Kevin Czarnecki (630).

Gee Perry, the most consistent Late Model driver, won this division title with two wins, 13 top-five finishes, and 19 top-10 finishes. Perry was nervous going into the final race because of his popularity, and a sixth-place finish on the final night locked in the Championship spot.

Perry, in his Leivelle Auto Salvage/Somersville Auto Sales car, won the point championship with 986. Chuck Docherty (950) was second with two wins and 10 top-five's with the Balise Motors 31. Third was Fred LaForge with five wins (a Late Model record); he followed it with 15 top-10's (good for a total of 942 points).

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Riverside Speedway Gears Up For Fall Racing Schedule

Riverside Park Speedway is gearing up for the remainder of its 1995 schedule, which includes four major fall events.

After the final NASCAR point race on Saturday, September 16th, the NASCAR Winston Racing Series final point show is over. Still, the action takes on a new twist with a Saturday, September 30th, six-division "Madness" open-competition event.

This NASCAR style event will host the NASCAR tour-type cars, SK Winston Racing Modifieds, and open-competition Modifieds all competing in one special event. (Cars from Waterford, Riverhead, Clarmont, Thompson, Stafford, and "The Tour" are expected to appear.)

What's more, there will be an open-competition Pro Stock feature paying \$1,000 to win, open-competition Late Models, Strictly Stocks, Mini Stocks, and Super Stocks. No special license is required to participate; everyone over 16 years of age is welcome in the pits. (Lobak mufflers are mandatory.)

One of the most talked about events is a Riverside tradition—the \$5,000-to-win "Megabucks" amateur Enduro race. This happens only once a year, and for the 1995 season, it will take place (rain or shine) this coming Saturday, September 23rd.

Anyone can enter in this amateur event. You must be 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license. The cars that can be used are any American-made two- or four-door, mid-size or full-size car. (No wagons are allowed for Enduros.)

Remove all glass (except windshield), the chrome, and lights. Bolt or weld the doors shut. A simple one-bar hoop roll cage is required. Bring a helmet and any added safety equipment and go racing.

Entries will be accepted on race day, and no one will be turned away as long as they have a race-ready, safe race car. The cars and drivers must be signed in when the pits open at 10:00 a.m.

In addition, this show will feature a four-cylinder Enduro, a Demolition Derby, a death-defying figure 8 race, and "real" race divisions—Pro 4 Modifieds, Strictly Stocks, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, half-ton truck races, police races, and much more.

Admission is \$12.99 for adults, and kids (12 years of age and under) are \$2.99 each. The pit fee is \$20, and no special license is required.

Remember, the pits open at 10:00 a.m., and the race starts at 6:00 p.m.

In October, the action continues at Riverside with the second annual "School Bus Demolition Derby" on Saturday, October 14th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (rain or shine).

This spectacular event will feature a real full-size bus demolition plus a regular Enduro-style event, as well as a full-size Enduro, a four-cylinder Enduro, the figure 8's, and "real" races from the Pro 4 Modifieds, Mini Stocks, Late Models, Strictly Stocks, half-ton trucks, police officers, and much more.

This family program is just \$12.99 for kids, and kids 12 and under are \$2.99.

The 1995 season's final event is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th—"The Halloween Howler Enduro." This event will showcase a costume contest for the youngsters and the same racing events from the September 23rd show (however, everything will be themed for Halloween).

For more information on any of the aforementioned fall races, call the speedway at 1-800-370-7482 ext. 3264 (race department).

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Fourth was Rocco Mazziotto, who had 15 top-10's and finished with 874 points. Fifth was Glenn Griswold (10 top-five's, 870 points), and sixth through 10th were Joe Czarnecki (836), Marty Leary (790), Paul Dipisa (776), Wayne Coury (762), and Todd Owens (746).

The 1995 Strictly Stock and Pro 4 Modified titles will become official on September 23rd. The Champions and top-15 competitors will be honored at two banquets (a total of 1,500 people). Over \$60,000 will be distributed.

Tickets and banquet information are available by calling (413) 786-9300, extension 3264.

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Riverside Park Speedway's Unofficial Point Standings

NASCAR MODIFIED

Dan Avery	1,036
Dave Berube	986
Doug Meservey	944
Eddy Spiers	916
Ted Riggott	836
Brian Schofield	782
Reggie Ruggiero	760
Dave Caruso	714
Fran Principi	712
Steve Park	690
Richard Savary	646
Chris Kopec	618
Jim Houghton	562
Dave Gallo	558
Tim Zambelli	486
Scott Walker	406
Marcel L'Etoile	404
Wade Cole	388
Eric LeClair	342
Tom Jensen	326

PRO STOCK

Tom Carey	942
Tom Fearn	912
Eddy Carroll	900
Barry Gray	864
Bill Lauridsen	816
Jeff Horn	788
Scott Bouley	770
Lou Prior	684
Jeff Connors	660
Kevin Czarnecki	630
John Lobo	628
Rich Vasseur	626
Dan Grasso	624
Doug D'Alessandro	564
Ed Carroll	560
Bennett Fuller	556
Jim Banfield	506
Blaine Belz	496
Dave Caruso	482
Sumner Chapman	464

LATE MODEL

Gee Perry	986
Chuck Docherty	950
Fred LaForge	942
Rocco Mazziotto	874
Glenn Griswold	870
Joe Czarnecki	836
Marty Leary	790
Paul Dipisa	778
Wayne Coury	762
Todd Owens	746
Ted Chalmers	736
Brian Merchant	668
Matt Bushior	650
Rob Valerio	586
Chris Wenzel	540
Steve Fifield	532
Jake Dupuis	532
Joe Rzeszutek	524
Bobby Ermark	518
Keith Minchella	394

STRICTLY STOCK

Ken Marques	1,220
Tom Dileo	1,190
Chuck Alessio	1,166
Roy Houle	1,158
Herb Carlon	1,094
Scott Neleber	1,076
Mike Salmond	1,070
Joe Arena	1,046
Ed Charette	974
Patrick Townsend	914
Jon Waterhouse	804
Joe Kokoszka	734
James Sommer	720
Kris Valerio	676
Craig St. Germain	676
Jeff Baral	664
Glen Reilly	662
Al Leone	548
Rick Leavitt	516
Keith Miller	584

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George Ruff	542
Chris Osella	454
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Dick Dubois	436
Jim Hatt	428
George Sherman	420
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Bill Gaston	388
Ron Smith	358
Ken Hirt	350
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Dennis Routhier	318
Rick Desrosiers	290
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Ken Korhonen	236
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Dave Lessard	134

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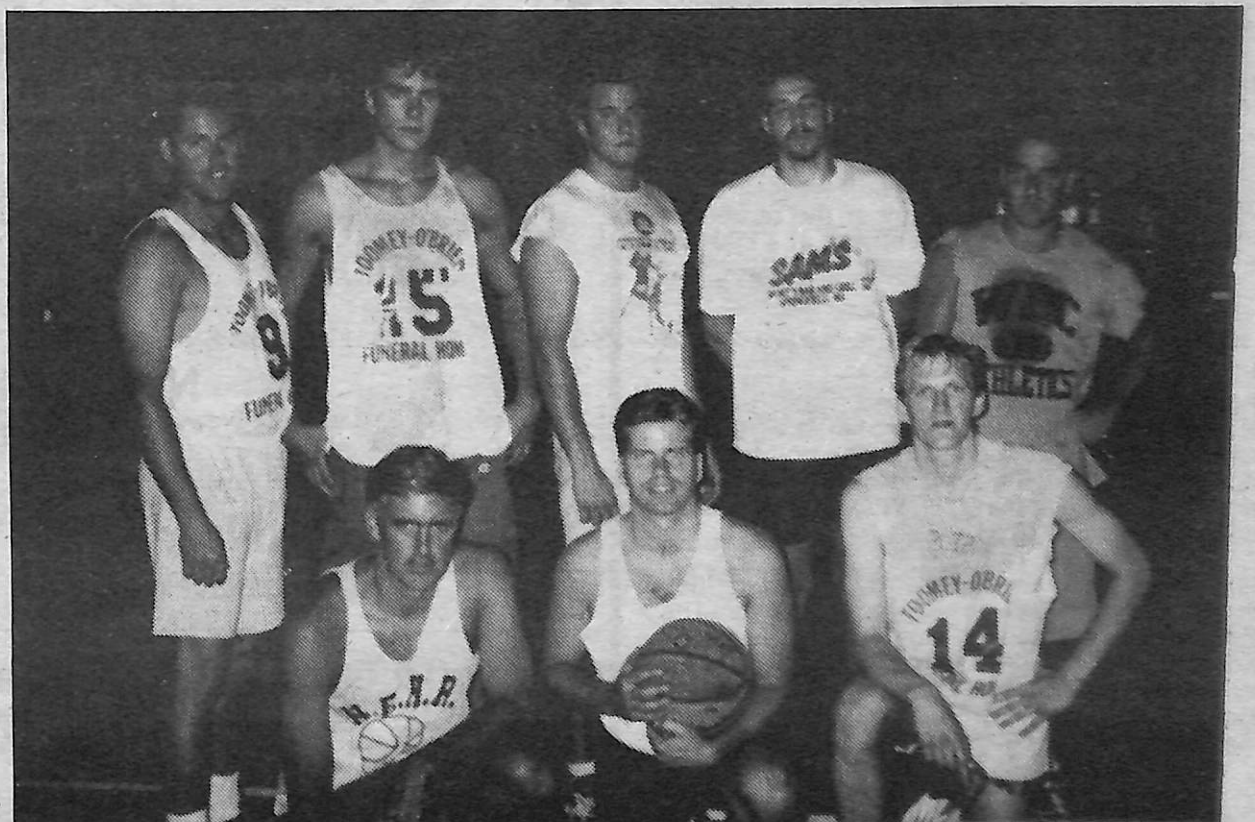
MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON (holding plaque) presented the Strycharz family, owners of Oak Ridge Golf Club, with a plaque proclaiming Thursday, September 14th as "Sophie M. Strycharz Day" in Agawam. Oak Ridge held a tournament in Sophie's name on September 14th to raise funds for the American Lung Association. Pictured with Mayor Johnson are Patti, Nicky, Paul (Mono), and Bill Strycharz.

Riverside's Brits Challenge American Staff



ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, British Exchange cast members at Riverside Park and USA cast members waged an athletic war in three events - soccer, softball, and volleyball. Team USA cast members (Team Rivi) were in rare form and won all three events. After an exhausting day in the heat and humidity, everyone laid back and enjoyed a BBQ. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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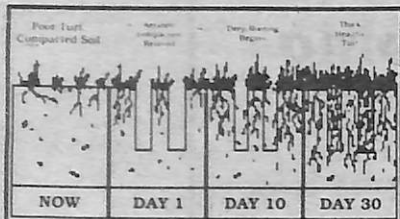
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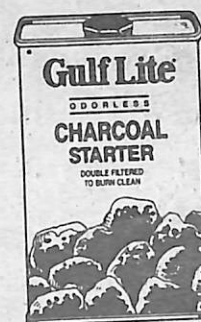
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